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2025-2026

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The University of Hong Kong

General Information

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This booklet includes information on:

- ***BSc Degree curriculum and graduation requirements***

- ***List of courses and descriptions***

  A full list of Science courses and descriptions include information on course code, title, credit value, contents, semester offered, teaching and learning activities, assessment methods and grade descriptors.

- ***Majors & Minors***

  Details of the Science Majors and Minors available for students.

- ***Degree regulations***

  Rules that cover curriculum requirements and progression in curriculum, selection of courses, assessment, advanced standing, grading system and degree honours classification.

- ***Teaching weeks***

  Teaching weeks show the dates of semesters, University holidays, revision and examination periods.

Further Information detailing instructions on the selection of courses, grading, graduation requirements, honours classification, application for advanced standing and exemption, etc, can be found in the *Handbook for BSc Students* available at http://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug/current

Updates on BSc Syllabuses and Regulations can be found at http://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry

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SECTION I

BSc Degree Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

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SECTION I BSc Degree Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

1. A BSc Degree Curriculum

The Faculty of Science offers a number of Science majors leading to the award of a BSc degree.

A. For students admitted to the first year in 2025-26 and thereafter

All students admitted to the first year of the 6901 BSc programme are required to complete at least one Science major out of the 11 regular or 7 intensive Science majors as your primary major for the award of the BSc degree. In addition to the primary Science major, students may take a second major or a minor in a Science or non-Science discipline. Students should note that some non-Science majors and minors may require students to have achieved a minimum academic result before they are allowed to enrol in them.

(a) A typical BSc curriculum

To complete the BSc degree curriculum, you have to pass at least 240 credits, equivalent to 40 6-credit courses, normally spread over 4-years of full-time study. A BSc curriculum typically comprises:

(i) UG5:

- A non-credit bearing Academic Communication in English course
- 6 credits in an English in the Discipline course
- 6 credits in a Chinese language enhancement course
- 36 credits in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least 6 credits and not more than 12 credits from each Area of Inquiry
- 6 credits in artificial intelligence literacy
- A non-credit bearing course in national education and national security education

(ii) For regular Science major:

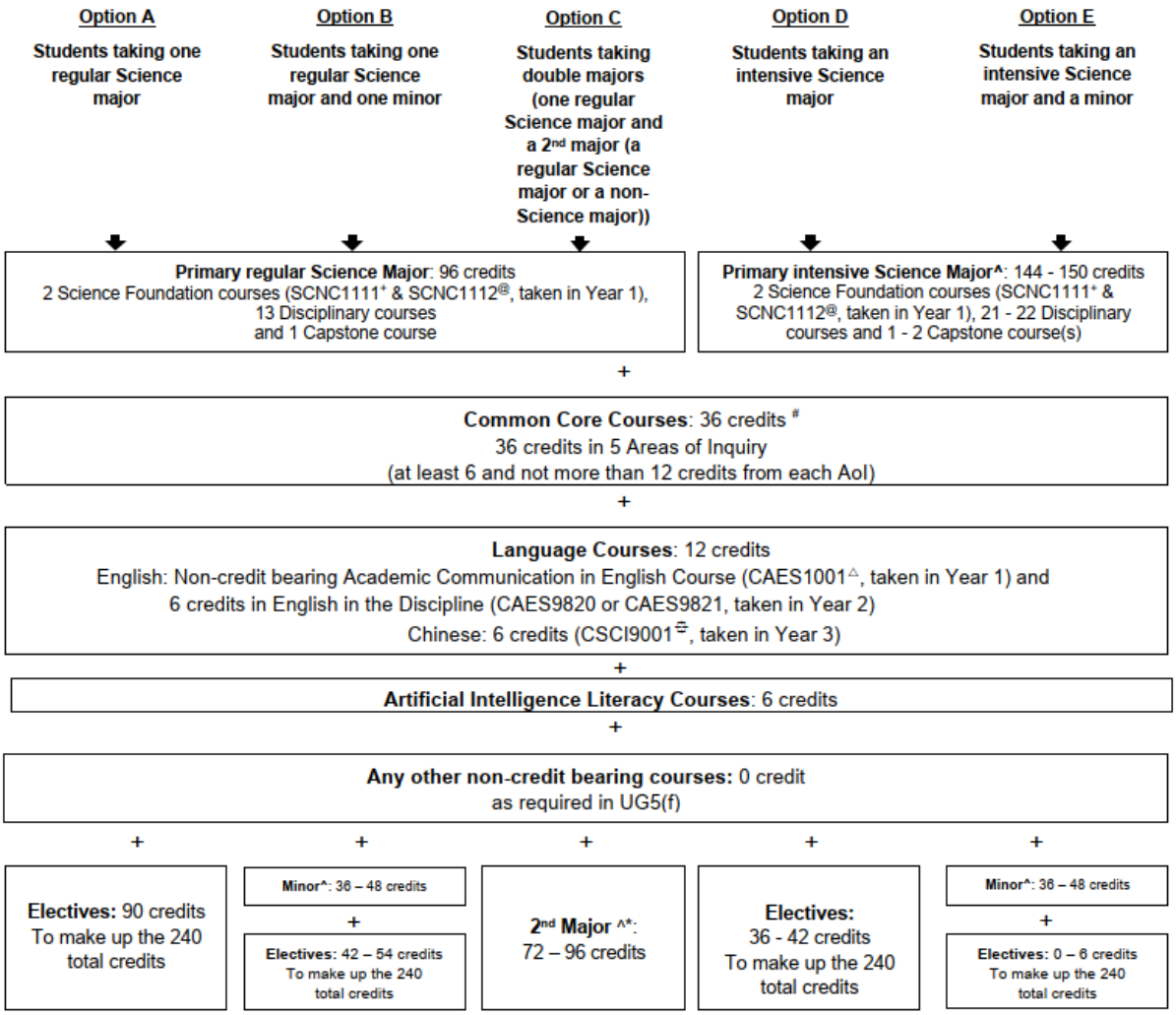
- 16 courses for the regular Science major including 2 Science Foundation courses, Disciplinary courses and capstone course (96 credits)
- A choice of 15 courses as elective courses, or to fulfill the requirements of a minor or a second major (90 credits)

OR

For intensive Science major:

- 24 - 25 courses for the intensive Science major including 2 Science Foundation courses, Disciplinary courses and capstone course(s) (144 - 150 credits)
- A choice of 6 - 7 courses as elective courses, or to fulfill the requirements of a minor (36 - 42 credits)

Curriculum requirements (240 credits)



Notes:

+ Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111:

- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

It is optional for them to take the course SCNC1111. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.

@ Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112:

- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

It is optional for them to take the course SCNC1112. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.

Student must select 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.

△Students who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2025-26 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from this requirement, and Academic Communication in English is optional. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit 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 at GCSE/ GCEO / English First Language at IGCSE / English Second Language at IGCSE / English Language or English Literature at GCE AS/ AL
- 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 HL English Language A: Language and Literature / HL English Language A: Literature / HL English Language (B Syllabus) / HL English Language (A1 or A2 Syllabus); Grade 5 or above SL English Language A: Language and Literature / SL English Language A: Literature / SL English Language (B Syllabus) / SL English Language (A1 or A2 Syllabus)
- achieved Grade 4 or above on the **Advanced Placement (AP) English Language/ English Language and Composition/ English Literature and Composition Test**
- achieved section scores of 630 or better in Reading and Writing of the **NEW Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** in the same attempt
- achieved Level C2 in Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English / Grade A in Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English
- achieved a score of 76 in the Pearson Test of English Assessment (Academic)
- 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 Level 4 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 their Faculties and the CAES1001 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 fail 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.*
  - *The test takes place annually in August. If a student fails to meet the application deadline, they will not have another chance to take the test, as no alternative test dates will be provided.*
  - *The test is conducted face-to-face. There will be no alternative testing methods available for applicants.*

Please note that:

- **Optional students can only take the course during their first year of studies.**
- **JUPAS students with HKDSE English Language Level 4 are NOT allowed to use any of the above equivalent standards to get exempted from CAES1001.**
- **Non-JUPAS students* are NOT allowed to use HKDSE results to get exempted from CAES1001.**
- **Test results (i.e., the above list* and HKDSE) should be in the same year in which students are admitted to the University. Test results obtained after the admission to the University will NOT be considered.**

*** Non-JUPAS students are allowed to use IELTS/TOEFL which are achieved within 2 years prior to Auguast 1 of the year they are admitted to the University to fulfil the English language requirement for admission.**

- **Re-admitted students with combined HKDSE results with a level 5 or above in the HKDSE English Language examination, irrespective of the year they took the exam, will be eligible for exemption from CAES1001.**
- **Students admitted through the School Nominations Direct Admission Scheme (SNDAS) are allowed to use results of HKDSE English Language Level 5 or above to get CAES1001 exemption. However, these students are not allowed to use any other equivalent qualifications to get exemption.**

⌗ To satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement, students are required to successfully complete the 6-credit Faculty-specific Chinese language enhancement course, except for:

(a) Putonghua-speaking students who should take CUND9002 (Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society) or CUND9003

(Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students) or CUND9001 (Basic Spoken and Written Cantonese for Mandarin Speakers) (only offered to 2024 cohort and thereafter) or CUND9004 (Practical Applied Chinese Writing & Effective Presentation Skills for Non-local Mandarin Speaking Students) (only offered to 2024 cohort and thereafter). They may take the course in Year 1 or 2 if they so wish; and

(b) students who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education or who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take the Chinese language enhancement course should write to the Board of the Faculty to apply to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement, and take a 6-credit course in either Chinese language ("CHIN9501 Chinese as a Foreign Language I" or "CHIN9511 Cantonese as a Foreign Language I") or Chinese culture ("CHIN9521 The Fundamentals of Chinese Characters" or "CHIN9522 Exploration of Major Cultural Themes across Chinese History") offered by the Chinese Language Centre of the School of Chinese in lieu, to satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement.

^ Credit requirement for different majors or minors may vary.

* Students having a second major in Science are allowed to double-count the two Science Foundation Courses. The 12 credits can be made up by selecting any courses.

(b) Common Core Curriculum

The Common Core Curriculum is designed to provide key common learning experience for all HKU students and to broaden their horizons beyond their chosen disciplinary fields of study. It focuses on issues that have been, and continue to be, of deeply profound significance to mankind, the core intellectual skills that all HKU undergraduates should acquire and the core values that they should uphold. The Common Core Curriculum is divided into five Areas of Inquiry (AoIs): (1) Scientific and Technological Literacy; (2) Arts and Humanities; (3) Global Issues; (4) China: Culture, State and Society; (5) Artificial Intelligence. Students have to pass 36 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least 6 credits and not more than 12 credits from each Area of Inquiry with not more than 24 credits 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 the BSc study and cannot be extra taken as free electives.

Please visit https://commoncore.hku.hk/ for details of the Common Core Curriculum.

B. For students admitted to the first year in 2024-25 or before

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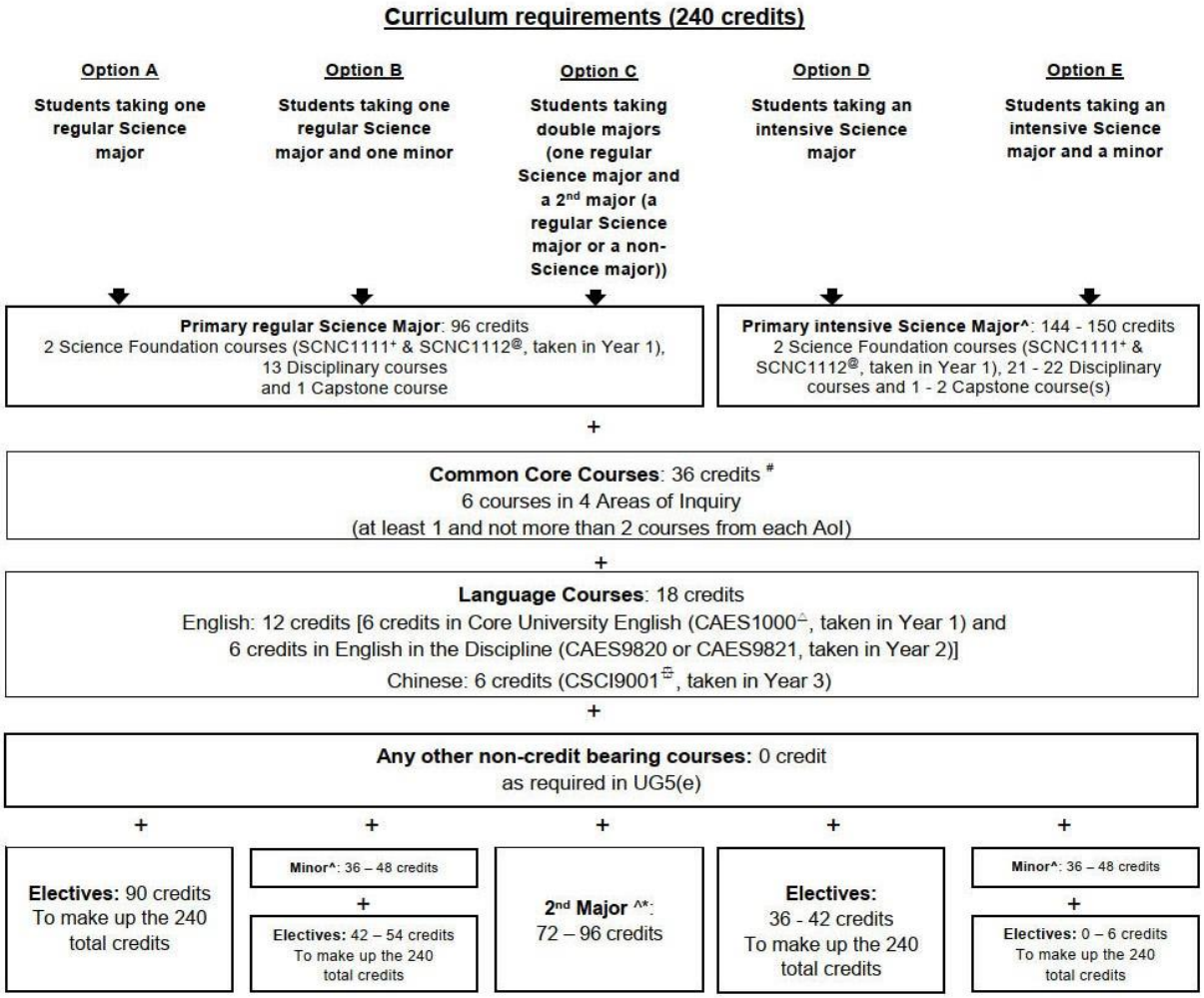
(i) UG5:
- 2 English courses and 1 Chinese course for university language requirements (18 credits)
- 6 common core courses in 4 Areas of Inquiry (36 credits)
- any other non-credit bearing courses as required (0 credit)

(ii) For regular Science major:
- 16 courses for the regular Science major including 2 Science Foundation courses, Disciplinary courses and capstone course (96 credits)
- A choice of 15 courses as elective courses, or to fulfill the requirements of a minor or a second major (90 credits)

OR

For intensive Science major (applicable to 2015-16 intake and thereafter):
- 24 - 25 courses for the intensive Science major including 2 Science Foundation courses, Disciplinary courses and capstone course(s) (144 - 150 credits)
- A choice of 6 - 7 courses as elective courses, or to fulfill the requirements of a minor (36 - 42 credits)



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- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

It is optional for them to take the course SCNC1112. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.

Student must select 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.

△Students who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2018-19 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from this requirement, and Core University English is optional. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit 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**
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- 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 their Faculties 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.*
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Please note that:

- **Optional students can only take the course during their first year of studies.**
- **JUPAS students with HKDSE English Language Level 3 or Level 4 are NOT allowed to use any of the above equivalent standards to get exempted from CAES1000.**
- **Non-JUPAS students* are NOT allowed to use HKDSE results to get exempted from CAES1000.**
- **Test results (i.e., the above list* and HKDSE) should be in the same year in which students are admitted to the University. Test results obtained after the admission to the University will NOT be considered.**

*** Non-JUPAS students are allowed to use IELTS/TOEFL which is achieved within 2 years before admission to fulfil the English language requirement for admission.**

- **Re-admitted students with combined HKDSE results with a level 5 or above in the HKDSE English Language examination, irrespective of the year they took the exam, will be eligible for exemption from CAES1000.**
- **Students admitted through the School Nominations Direct Admission Scheme (SNDAS) are allowed to use results of HKDSE English Language Level 5 or above to get CAES1000 exemption. However, these students are not allowed to use any other equivalent qualifications to get exemption.**

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(b) students who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education or who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take the Chinese language enhancement course should write to the Board of the Faculty to apply to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement, and

(i) take a 6-credit Cantonese or Putonghua language course offered by the School of Chinese especially for international and exchange students; OR

(ii) take an elective course in lieu.

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To ensure that you are aware of the details regarding 3-credit microcredential courses (which will be counted as 0.5 course), please visit https://commoncore.hku.hk/ for further information.

2. BSc Graduation Requirements and Honours Classification

(a) Award of a BSc degree

For students admitted to the first year in 2024-25 or before, students transferred to the second year in 2025-26 or before, students transferred to the third year in 2025-26 or before, and students admitted directly to the third year in 2024-25 or before:

To be eligible for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Science, students must fulfil the following requirements:

(i) Satisfied the requirements in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula[#];
(ii) Passed not fewer than 240 credits, comprising 96 credits of the required courses as prescribed in the regular major programme, or 144 credits (or a higher credit requirement by the accredited bodies) of the prescribed course in the intensive major programme, of the BSc degree curriculum.

[#] UG5 specifies that students have to successfully complete:
- (a) 12 credits in English language enhancement, including 6 credits in Core University English[1] (i.e. CAES1000) and 6 credits in an English in the Discipline course[2] [i.e. CAES9820 Academic English for Science Students OR CAES9821 Professional and Technical Communication for Statistical Sciences (previous title: Professional and Technical Communication for Mathematical Sciences)];
- (b) 6 credits in Chinese language enhancement[3] (i.e. CSCI9001 Practical Chinese for Science Students);
- (c) 36 credits of courses in the Common Core 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;
- (d) a capstone experience as specified in the syllabuses of the degree curriculum; and
- (e) any other non-credit bearing courses as required.

For students admitted to the first year in 2025-26 and thereafter, and students admitted directly to the third year in 2025-26 and thereafter:

To be eligible for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Science, students must fulfil the following requirements:

(i) Satisfied the requirements in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula[#];
(ii) Passed not fewer than 240 credits, comprising 96 credits of the required courses as prescribed in the regular major programme, or 144 credits (or a higher credit requirement by the accredited bodies) of the prescribed course in the intensive major programme, of the BSc degree curriculum.

[#] UG5 specifies that students have to successfully complete:
- (a) a non-credit bearing Academic Communication in English course[4] (i.e. CAES1001), unless they are exempted through having achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent;
- (b) 6 credits in an English in the Discipline course[2] (i.e. CAES9820 Academic English for Science Students OR CAES9821 Professional and Technical Communication for Statistical Sciences);
- (c) 6 credits in Chinese language enhancement course[5] (i.e. CSCI9001 Practical Chinese for Science Students);
- (d) 36 credits in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least 6 credits and not more than 12 credits from each Area of Inquiry with not more than 24 credits being selected within one academic year except where candidates are required to make up for failed credits;
- (e) 6 credits in artificial intelligence literacy (i.e. two 3-credit AILT-coded microcredential courses);
- (f) a non-credit bearing course in national education and national security education, and any other non-credit bearing courses as may be required from time to time; and
- (g) any capstone experience specified for their degree curriculum.

(b) Honours Classification

Classification of honours are calculated using the graduation grade point average GGPA* as below:

	CGPA range
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours Division I	3.00 – 3.59
Second Class Honours Division II	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass[#]	1.00 – 1.69

* For students admitted between 2017-18 and 2024-25 who have successfully completed six Common Core courses, the calculation of Graduation GPA is subject to the proviso that either five Common Core courses with the highest grades (covering all four Areas of Inquiry), or all six courses will be counted towards Graduation GPA, depending on which generates the higher Graduation GPA. For students in the 2025-26 intake and thereafter who have successfully completed six 6-credit Common Core courses, the calculation of Graduation GPA is subject to the proviso that either five 6-credit Common Core courses with the highest grades (covering all five Areas of Inquiry), or all six 6-credit courses will be counted towards Graduation GPA, depending on which generates the higher Graduation GPA. For students who have successfully completed two 3-credit Common Core Microcredentials in place of one 6-credit Common Core course, the average grade point of the two 3-credit courses will be treated as the grade point of one 6-credit Common Core course[6].

[#] Students with fewer than half total credits letter-graded will be awarded a pass degree with no honours classification.

Credits granted for advanced standing in recognition of studies completed successfully before admission to the University and credits transfer in recognition of studies completed on exchange during candidature at HKU are not included in the calculation of GPA.

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[1] Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2024-25 (or before) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from this requirement, and Core University English is optional. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit elective course in lieu, see *Regulation UG6*:

- 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.*
  - *The test takes place annually in August. If a student fails to meet the application deadline, they will not have another chance to take the test, as no alternative test dates will be provided.*
  - *The test is conducted face-to-face. There will be no alternative testing methods available for applicants.*

Please note that:

- **Optional students can only take the course during their first year of studies.**
- **JUPAS students with HKDSE English Language Level 3 or Level 4 are NOT allowed to use any of the above equivalent standards to get exempted from CAES1000.**
- **Non-JUPAS students* are NOT allowed to use HKDSE results to get exempted from CAES1000.**
- **Test results (i.e., the above list* and HKDSE) should be in the same year in which students are admitted to the University. Test results obtained after the admission to the University will NOT be considered.**

*** Non-JUPAS students are allowed to use IELTS/TOEFL which is achieved within 2 years before admission to fulfil the English language requirement for admission.**

- **Re-admitted students with combined HKDSE results with a level 5 or above in the HKDSE English Language examination, irrespective of the year they took the exam, will be eligible for exemption from CAES1000.**
- **Students admitted through the School Nominations Direct Admission Scheme (SNDAS) are allowed to use results of HKDSE English Language Level 5 or above to get CAES1000 exemption. However, these students are not allowed to use any other equivalent qualifications to get exemption.**

[2] (a) To satisfy the English in the Discipline (ED) requirement, candidates who have passed the ED course for a Major but subsequently change that Major are required to pass the ED course for the new Major, or either of the double Majors finally declared upon graduation irrespective of whether the second Major is offered within or outside of the candidates' home Faculty.

(b) Candidates declaring double Majors can, if they fail in the ED course for one of the Majors, either (i) re-take and successfully complete that failed ED course, or (ii) successfully complete the ED course for the other Major, irrespective of whether the Major is offered within or outside of the candidates' home Faculty.

(c) Candidates who undertake studies in double Majors or double degrees are not required to take a second ED course but may be advised by the Faculty to do so.

[3] Candidates who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education may be exempted from this requirement and should take a 6-credit elective course in lieu, see *Regulation UG6*.

To satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement, students should take the 6-credit course CSCI9001 (Practical Chinese for science students), except for

(a) Putonghua-speaking students who should take CUND9002 (Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society) or CUND9003 (Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students) or CUND9001 (Basic Spoken and Written Cantonese for Mandarin Speakers) (only offered to 2024 cohort and thereafter) or CUND9004 (Practical Applied Chinese Writing & Effective Presentation Skills for Non-local Mandarin Speaking Students) (only offered to 2024 cohort and thereafter). They may take the course in Year 1 or 2 if they so wish; and

(b) students who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education or who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take the Chinese language enhancement course should write to the Board of the Faculty to apply to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement, and

(i) take a 6-credit Cantonese or Putonghua language course offered by the School of Chinese especially for international and exchange students; OR

(ii) take an elective course in lieu.

[4] Students who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2025-26 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from this requirement, and Academic Communication in English (ACE) is optional. Optional students may take this course as an elective on a non-credit bearing basis:

- 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 at **GCSE/ GCEO** / English First Language at **IGCSE** / English Second Language at **IGCSE** / English Language or English Literature at **GCE AS/ AL**
- 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 HL English Language A: Language and Literature / HL English Language A: Literature / HL English Language (B Syllabus) / HL English Language (A1 or A2 Syllabus); Grade 5 or above SL English Language A: Language and Literature / SL English Language A: Literature / SL English Language (B Syllabus) / SL English Language (A1 or A2 Syllabus)
- achieved Grade 4 or above on the **Advanced Placement (AP) English Language/ English Language and Composition/ English Literature and Composition Test**
- achieved section scores of 630 or better in Reading and Writing of the **NEW Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** in the same attempt
- achieved Level C2 in Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English / Grade A in Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English
- achieved a score of 76 in the Pearson Test of English Assessment (Academic)

- 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 Level 4 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 their Faculties and the CAES1001 Course Coordinator that they were admitted to HKU using qualifications **other than** those included in the 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 fail to provide any evidence that they were admitted to HKU using qualifications other than those included in the list provided by CAES, the CAES assessor has the rights not to allow the applicant to take the test.
  - The test takes place annually in August. If a student fails to meet the application deadline, they will not have another chance to take the test, as no alternative test dates will be provided.
  - The test is conducted face-to-face. There will be no alternative testing methods available for applicants.

Please note that:

• Optional students can only take the course during their first year of studies.

• JUPAS students with HKDSE English Language Level 4 or below are NOT allowed to use any of the above equivalent standards to get exempted from CAES1001.

• Non-JUPAS students* are NOT allowed to use HKDSE results to get exempted from CAES1001.

• Test results (i.e., the above list* and HKDSE) should be in the same year in which students are admitted to the University. Test results obtained after admission to the University will NOT be considered.

*** Non-JUPAS students are allowed to use IELTS/TOEFL scores which are achieved within 2 years prior to August 1 of the year they are admitted to the University to fulfil the English language requirement for admission.**

• Re-admitted students with combined HKDSE results with a level 5 or above in the HKDSE English Language examination, irrespective of the year they took the exam, will be eligible for exemption from CAES1001.

• Students admitted through the School Nominations Direct Admission Scheme (SNDAS) are allowed to use results of HKDSE English Language Level 5 or above to get CAES1001 exemption. However, these students are not allowed to use any other equivalent qualifications to get exemption.

[5] Candidates who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education may be exempted from this requirement and should take a 6-credit elective course in lieu, see *Regulation UG6*.

To satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement, students are required to successfully complete the 6-credit Faculty-specific Chinese language enhancement course, except for:

(a) Putonghua-speaking students who should take CUND9002 (Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society) or CUND9003 (Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students) or CUND9001 (Basic Spoken and Written Cantonese for Mandarin Speakers) (only offered to 2024 cohort and thereafter) or CUND9004 (Practical Applied Chinese Writing & Effective Presentation Skills for Non-local Mandarin Speaking Students) (only offered to 2024 cohort and thereafter). They may take the course in Year 1 or 2 if they so wish; and

(b) students who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education or who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take the Chinese language enhancement course should write to the Board of the Faculty to apply to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement, and take a 6-credit course in either Chinese language ("CHIN9501 Chinese as a Foreign Language I" or "CHIN9511 Cantonese as a Foreign Language I") or Chinese culture ("CHIN9521 The Fundamentals of Chinese Characters" or "CHIN9522 Exploration of Major Cultural Themes across Chinese History") offered by the Chinese Language Centre of the School of Chinese in lieu, to satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement.

[6] For the special Common Core Proviso in the Determination of the Graduation GPA, students may refer to the Common Core website (https://commoncore.hku.hk/special-proviso/) for details.

SECTION II

Capstone Requirement for Science Students

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Capstone experience is an integral part of the major programme which focuses on integration and application of knowledge and skills gained in the early years of study. The capstone course carries a minimum of 6 credits and students must complete this for fulfillment of the graduation requirements. 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. The capstone courses in each Science major may be different but a range of courses (e.g. research project, seminar, field work, internship and capstone project) is offered to suit individual student's needs and interests. The following courses are currently recognized as capstone courses in the different majors:

BSc - Major	**Recognized Capstone Courses**
1. Biochemistry	1. BIOC3999 Directed studies in biochemistry (6) 2. BIOC4966 Biochemistry internship (6) 3. BIOC4999 Biochemistry project (12)
2a. Biological Sciences	1. BIOL3994 Directed studies in biological sciences (6) 2. BIOL4964 Biological sciences internship (6) 3. BIOL4994 Biological sciences project (12)
2b. Biological Sciences (Intensive)	1. BIOL4994 Biological sciences project (12)
3a. Chemistry	1. CHEM3999 Directed studies in chemistry (6) 2. CHEM4910 Chemistry literacy and research (6) 3. CHEM4911 Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6) 4. CHEM4966 Chemistry internship (6) 5. CHEM4999 Chemistry project (12)
3b. Chemistry (Intensive)	1. CHEM3999 Directed studies in chemistry (6) 2. CHEM4966 Chemistry internship (6) 3. CHEM4999 Chemistry project (12)
4. Earth System Science	1. EASC4911 Earth system: contemporary issues (6)
5a. Ecology & Biodiversity	1. BIOL4991 Ecology & biodiversity project (12)
5b. Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)	1. BIOL3991 Directed studies in ecology & biodiversity (6) 2. BIOL4991 Ecology & biodiversity project (12)
6. Environmental Science	1. ENVS3999 Directed studies in environmental science (6) 2. ENVS4966 Environmental science internship (6) 3. ENVS4999 Environmental science project (12)
7. Food & Nutritional Science	1. BIOL3992 Directed studies in food & nutritional science (6) 2. BIOL4922 Food product development and evaluation (6) 3. BIOL4962 Food & nutritional science internship (6) 4. BIOL4992 Food & nutritional science project (12)
8a. Geology 8b. Geology (Intensive)	1. EASC4955 Integrated field studies (6)
9a. Mathematics 9b. Mathematics (Intensive)	1. MATH3999 Directed studies in mathematics (6) 2. MATH4910 Senior mathematics seminar (6) 3. MATH4911 Mathematics capstone project (6) 4. MATH4966 Mathematics internship (6) 5. MATH4999 Mathematics project (12)
10a. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	1. BIOL3993 Directed studies in molecular biology & biotechnology (6) 2. BIOL4963 Molecular biology & biotechnology internship (6) 3. BIOL4993 Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)
10b. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)	1. BIOL4993 Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)
11a. Physics 11b. Physics (Intensive)	1. PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics (6) 2. PHYS4966 Physics internship (6) 3. PHYS4999 Physics project (12)

SECTION III

Credit Unit Statement of
BSc Degree Curriculum

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1. General guideline for contact hours requirement in the BSc Degree Curriculum

(a) A 6-credit course has around 120-180 total study hours, including contact hours, study time, assignment and assessment.
(b) About 30% of the total study hours are actual contact hours in the form of a class, e.g. lecture hours.
(c) A 6-credit course has around 36 to 45 lecture hours.
(d) For lecture-based courses, normally there will be tutorial/discussion sessions.
(e) For courses employing a non-lecture or lab-based approach, e.g. field camp, IT-based or project-based courses, students are expected to devote about 120-180 hours for a 6-credit course and 240-360 hours for a 12-credit course.
(f) Study load of intensive Science major (144 to 150 credits*) usually requires 900 to 1080 contact hours, and a total of 3000 to 4320 of student learning hours;
study load of regular Science major (96 credits) usually requires 576 to 720 contact hours, and a total of 1920 to 2880 of student learning hours, and;
study load of Science minor (36 to 42 credits*) usually requires 252 to 270 contact hours, and a total of 840 to 1080 student learning hours.

**Remarks: Please refer to the syllabuses/ programme website for the specific credit requirement of each intensive Science major/ minor.*

2. Credit Unit Statement of the BSc Degree Curriculum

The BSc degree curriculum consists of six major types of courses based on the learning activities. The majority of courses in the programmes are 6 credits. Examples of the contact hours requirements for the six categories of courses are described as follows.

(a) Lecture-based courses (6 credits)
Contact hours for 6-credit course: 36 hours of lectures and 12 hours of tutorial/discussion
These courses are taught predominantly by lectures and tutorials. Assessment is by a combination of examination (0-80%) and continuous assessment (20-100%). Continuous assessment tasks include written assignments (totaling no more than 8,000 words) such as essays and project reports, and oral presentations. Details of the assessment tasks can be found in the description of individual courses.

(b) Lecture with laboratory component courses (6 credits)
Contact hours for 6-credit course: 24 hours of lectures, 24 hours of laboratory and 6 hours of tutorial
These courses are taught by a combination of lectures and laboratory/practical sessions. Assessment is by a combination of examination (0-70%) and continuous assessment (30-100%). Continuous assessment tasks include written assignments (totaling no more than 8,000 words) such as essays, laboratory reports, and project reports, and oral presentations. Details of the assessment tasks can be found in the description of individual courses.

(c) Laboratory and Workshop courses (6 credits)
Contact hours: 48 hours of laboratory or workshop and 12 hours of tutorial
These courses aim at enriching the student's research skills and encourage group work through hands-on activities in which science research is introduced. Students are expected to spend an additional 100 hours on self-study, preparation work for the laboratory, and writing reports. Continuous assessment tasks (100%) include written assignments (totaling no more than 8,000 words) such as laboratory report for each experiment (normally no more than 10 experiments) and essays. Details of the assessment tasks can be found in the description of individual courses.

(d) Project-based courses (6 and 12 credits)
These courses aim at providing students with an opportunity to pursue their own research interest under the supervision of a teacher. The teacher normally meets with the student weekly to discuss project progress. Assessment task is normally through research reports or a dissertation (totaling no more than 10,000 words for a 6-credit course and 20,000 words for a 12-credit course). Oral presentation will form part of the assessment. Details of the assessment tasks can be found in the description of individual courses.

(e) Field camps (6 credits)

Contact hours: at least 72 hours in the field

These courses aim at giving practical experience in a variety of contexts. Fieldwork may be conducted locally or overseas during reading week or summer. Fieldwork courses have a small number of lecture hours but are predominately practical in nature. Assessment tasks (100%) normally include the following outputs (totaling no more than 8,000 words): field assignments and reports (normally no more than 10 field assignments). Details of the assessment tasks can be found in the description of individual courses.

(f) Internship (6 credits)

Students have to undertake at least 160 hours of internship work

Internships aim to offer students the opportunity to gain work experience related to their major of study. The teacher meets with the student regularly to discuss work progress. Students have to undertake at least 160 hours of internship work arranged formally. Assessment tasks (100%) normally include the following outputs: a written report of no more than 2000 words and feedback from the internship supervisor and an oral presentation on students' internship experience. Details of the assessment tasks can be found in the description of individual courses.

3. The types of courses in the 11 Science Majors, 7 intensive Science Majors and 14 Science Minors are as follows:

Majors/Minors	Type of Courses					
	Lecture-based	Lecture with laboratory component	Laboratory & Workshop	Project-based	Field camps	Internship
Astronomy (Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Biochemistry (Major & Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Biological Sciences (Intensive Major & Major)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Chemistry (Intensive Major, Major & Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Computational & Financial Mathematics (Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Earth Sciences (Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Earth System Science (Major)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive Major, Major & Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environmental Science (Major & Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Food & Nutritional Science (Major & Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Geology (Intensive Major & Major)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marine Biology (Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics (Intensive Major, Major & Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive Major, Major & Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Physics (Intensive Major, Major & Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Science Entrepreneurship (Minor)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

The above different categories of courses follow the unified Credit Unit Statement of the BSc curriculum.

SECTION IV

List of BSc Courses and English and Chinese language courses on offer in 2025-2026 and 2026-2027

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SECTION IV List of BSc Courses on offer in 2025/2026 and 2026/2027^

Course Code	Title	Credit	Pre-requisite	Available in		Semester offered in 2025 - 2026	Exam. held in 2025 - 2026	Quota	Communication -intensive	Course Coordinator	Major / Minor *(The Major/Minor that this course appears as.)*			
				2025 - 2026	2026 - 2027	0=year long 1=1st sem 2=2nd sem S=Summer					*Disciplinary Core Course*	*Disciplinary Elective*	*Capstone - Disciplinary Core Course*	*Capstone - Disciplinary Elective*
School of Biomedical Sciences														
BIOC1600	Perspectives in biochemistry	6	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Biology, Chemistry, or Combined Science with Biology or Chemistry component, or equivalent Not for students who have passed in BIOL1110, or have already enrolled in this course	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	Y	Prof J Tanner, Biomedical Sciences		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry	6	Pass in BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 or ENGG1207 or BMED1207; and Not for students who have passed in BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301, or have already enrolled in these courses.	Y	Y	1	Dec	300	N	Dr M Kotaka, Biomedical Sciences	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC3601	Basic metabolism	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301	Y	Y	1	Dec	80	Y	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC3604	Essential techniques in biochemistry and molecular biology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or BMED2301 or MEDE2301	Y	Y	2	May	70	N	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC3605	Sequence bioinformatics	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or BBMS2003 or BBMS2007 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301	Y	Y	2	May	80	N	Prof Y H Huang, Biomedical Sciences		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof D Y Jin, Biomedical Sciences		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC3999	Directed studies in biochemistry	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Biochemistry Major including BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 and BIOL3401. This capstone course is for Biochemistry Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	36	Y	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences				Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)

^ Availability of courses in 2026-2027 is subject to change.

BIOC4610	Advanced biochemistry	6	Pass in BIOC3601 or BIOL3401 or BIOL3402 or BIOL3404	Y	Y	1	Dec	70	N	Dr W C W Chan, Biomedical Sciences	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC4611	Advanced biochemistry II	6	Pass in BIOC3601; and BIOL3404 or CHEM2441; and Pass in BIOC4610, or already enrolled in this course	N	N	---	---	50	N	Prof D Chan, Biomedical Sciences				
BIOC4612	Molecular biology of the gene	6	Pass in BIOC3601 or BIOL3401 or BIOL3402 or BIOL3404 or BBMS2007	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC4613	Advanced techniques in biochemistry & molecular biology	6	Pass in BIOC3604	Y	Y	1	Dec	70	N	Prof C Y S Chung, Biomedical Sciences	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOC4966	Biochemistry internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Biochemistry Major including BIOC3604. This capstone course is for Biochemistry Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	20	Y	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences				Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOC4999	Biochemistry project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Biochemistry Major including 4 of the following 5 courses: BIOL3401, BIOC3601, BIOC3604, BIOC4610 and BIOC4613. BIOC4610 and BIOC4613 can be taken concurrently with this course. This capstone course is for Biochemistry Major students only. This capstone course is ONLY opened to students who are in year 3 or above in the Biochemistry Major program.	Y	Y	0	No exam	25	Y	Dr B H B Yuen; Prof J D Huang, Biomedical Sciences				Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
School of Biological Sciences														
BIOL1110	From molecules to cells	6	Not for students who have passed in BBMS1003/BIOC1600, or have already enrolled in this course. Students who wish to take this course are expected to have taken HKDSE Biology and/or Chemistry or equivalent. For students without HKDSE Chemistry, they are encouraged to take CHEM1041 concurrently or before. Not for students having taken any level 2 (or above) Biomedical Sciences (BBMS) or Biochemistry (BIOC) or Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) course. Students having taken level 2 BBMS/BIOC/MBBS course should take the replacement course for BIOL1110 in any regular major offered by the School of Biological Sciences.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	382	N	Prof G Y W Chan, Biological Sciences	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL1111	Introductory microbiology	6	NIL	N	N	---	---	80	N	---, Biological Sciences				
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	133	N	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences	Major in Food & Nutritional Science	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science		

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BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	May	250	N	Prof B S Guenard, Biological Sciences	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL1501	Bioethics	6	NIL	N	N	---	---	40	N	---, Biological Sciences				
BIOL1502	The gene	6	NIL Not for students with level 3 or above in HKDSE Biology or Combined Science with Biology component or equivalent.	N	N	---	---	50	N	---, Biological Sciences				
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry	6	Pass in BIOL1201; and NOT for students who have passed in BIOL3201. The course is only for students admitted in 2017-2018 or thereafter.	Y	Y	1	Dec	120	N	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences	Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL2102	Biostatistics	6	Pass in BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 or BIOL2306 or ENVS1301 or ENVS2002 or SCNC1111 Not for students who have passed in BIOL2512, BBMS2013 or BIOF2013.	Y	Y	1	No exam	192	N	Dr E Pickett, Biological Sciences	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Environmental Science (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course	6	Pass in BIOL1110. Not for students having taken any level 3 (or above) Biochemistry (BIOC) course or BBMS2001.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	280	N	Prof. K W Y Yuen, Biological Sciences	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		

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BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry	6	Pass in BIOL1110; and Not for students who have passed in BIOC2600, or have already enrolled in this course.	Y	Y	1	Dec	100	N	Prof C S C Lo, Biological Sciences	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution	6	Pass in BIOL1110 or BIOL1309 or ENVS1301 or ENVS1401	Y	Y	1	Dec	80	N	Prof L A Ashton, Biological Sciences	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL2408	Green earth-plants and mankind	6	Pass in BIOL1110 and BIOL2103	N	N	---	---	30	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship	6	Pass in BIOL1110 NOT for Year 1 students. Priority will be given to students majoring in MBB / MBB intensive Major.	Y	Y	2	No exam	50	N	Prof W B L Lim, Biological Sciences	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021)		

BIOL2414	Plant Adaptation to Climate Change	6	Pass in BIOL1110 and BIOL2103. Not for students who have passed in BIOL2408 or BIOL3414.	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof P Wang, Biological Sciences	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2024,2023)			
BIOL2512	Applied statistics in food and nutrition	6	Pass in BIOL1201. Not for students who have passed in BIOL2102. Not for year one students.	Y	Y	2	No exam	105	N	Dr I K C Cheng, Biological Sciences	Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020)			
BIOL3101	Animal behaviour	6	Pass in BIOL2306	Y	Y	1	Dec	30	N	Prof S W Y Sin, Biological Sciences	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation	6	Pass in BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or MEDE2301	Y	Y	1	Dec	35	N	Prof J D Gaitan-Espitia, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024)		
BIOL3107	Plant physiology	6	Pass in BIOL2103 NOT for students who have passed in ENVS3202	N	N	---	---	30	N	TBC, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3108	Microbial physiology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOC3604	N	N	---	---	50	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology	6	Pass in BIOL2103 OR BIOL2220 OR BIOL2306 OR BIOL2409 OR ENVS2001 OR ENVS2002	N	Y	---	---	45	N	Prof Mathew Seymour, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3110	Environmental toxicology	6	Pass in BIOL2103 or CHEM3141 or ENVS3042	N	N	---	---	60	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3201	Food chemistry	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301; and NOT for students who have passed in BIOL2101. This course is only for students admitted in 2016-2017 or before.	N	N	---	---	60	N	, Biological Sciences				

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301	Y	Y	1	Dec	150	N	Dr I K C Cheng, Biological Sciences	Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3203	Food microbiology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301	Y	Y	2	No exam	120	N	Dr I K C Cheng, Biological Sciences	Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle	6	Pass in BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or BIOL3202	Y	Y	2	No exam	50	Y	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3205	Human physiology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301	Y	Y	1	Dec	135	N	Prof B C B Chan, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3206	Clinical nutrition	6	Pass in BIOL3202 or BIOL3203 or BIOL3204 or BIOL3205	N	N	---	---	70	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2018)		
BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or BIOL3205 or MEDE2301	Y	Y	2	No exam	80	N	Prof H S El-Nezami, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3208	Food safety and quality management	6	Pass in BIOL3201 or BIOL3203	N	N	---	---	45	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis	6	Pass in BIOL2101 Not for students who have passed in CHEM3242	Y	Y	1	No exam	60	N	Dr S K S Leung, Biological Sciences	Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2018)	Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

BIOL3210	Grain production and utilization	6	Pass in any level 2 BIOL course	N	N	---	---	40	N	, Biological Sciences		Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301	Y	Y	1	Dec	40	N	Dr I K C Cheng, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3215	Principles of dietary assessment	6	Pass in BIOL2102	N	N	---	---	30	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2018)		
BIOL3216	Food waste management	6	Pass in BIOL2101	N	N	---	---	30	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health	6	Pass in BIOL2101 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002	Y	Y	1	No exam	45	N	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3218	Global food safety	6	Pass in BIOL2101 or BIOL3203 Not for students who have passed in BIOL3208	Y	Y	2	May	30	N	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3301	Marine biology	6	Pass in BIOL2306 or ENVS2002	Y	Y	1	Dec	60	N	Prof C Schunter, Biological Sciences	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics	6	Pass in BIOL1309; and Any level 2 BIOL course	Y	Y	1	Dec	60	N	Prof. J K K Merila, Biological Sciences	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity		

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BIOL3303	Conservation biology	6	Pass in BIOL2306	Y	Y	2	May	100	N	Prof T C Bonebrake, Biological Sciences	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course	6	Pass in "C" or above in BIOL2306 or BIOL3301 or BIOL3303 or ENVS2001	Y	Y	S	No exam	16	N	Prof B Russell, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology	6	Pass in BIOL2102 and BIOL2306	N	N	---	---	30	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution	6	Pass in BIOL1309; and Any level 2 BIOL course	N	N	---	---	30	N	TBC, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology	6	Pass in BIOL2102 or BIOL3301	Y	Y	2	May	20	N	Prof G A Williams, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity		

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BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology	6	Pass in BIOL1309 and BIOL2306	Y	Y	2	May	30	N	Prof B S Guenard, Biological Sciences	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3320	The biology of marine mammals	6	Pass in BIOL2306	N	N	---	---	30	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology	6	Pass in BIOL2306	N	N	---	---	30	N	TBC, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3328	Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology	6	Pass in BIOL2306 or BIOL3301	Y	Y	2	No exam	12	N	Prof G A Williams, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3401	Molecular biology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301 Not for students who have passed BBMS2007 or enrolled in this course.	Y	Y	1	Dec	130	N	Prof K W Y Yuen, Biological Sciences	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301	Y	Y	1	Dec	120	N	Prof H E Johnson, Biological Sciences	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)		

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BIOL3403	Immunology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301	Y	Y	2	May	110	N	Prof Chaogu Zheng, Biological Sciences		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301	Y	Y	2	May	70	N	Prof A K M Lam, Biological Sciences		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3405	Molecular microbiology	6	Pass in BIOL2103	N	N	---	---	30	N	---, Biological Sciences				
BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology	6	Pass in BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or MEDE2301	N	N	---	---	35	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2022,2021,2020,2019,		

												2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018)		
BIOL3408	Genetics	6	Pass in BIOL1110 or BIOC1600; and BIOL2102 or BIOL2103.	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	Y	Prtof G Y W Chan, Biological Sciences		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3409	Business aspects of biotechnology	6	Pass in any level 3 BIOL or BIOC or BBMS course; NOT for students who have passed in BIOL2409. This course is only for students admitted in 2017-2018 or before.	N	N	---	---	40	N	, Biological Sciences		Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3414	Plant stress biology and climate change	6	Pass in BIOL1110 and BIOL2103. Not for students who have passed in BIOL2414.	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof P Wang, Biological Sciences	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025)		
BIOL3416	Developmental biology	6	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or BMED2301.	Y	Y	1	Dec	40	N	Prof Chaogu Zheng, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019)		
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world	6	Pass in BIOL1309 and BIOL2306	N	Y	---	---	25	N	Prof B S Guenard, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018);		

												Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3501	Evolution	6	Pass in BIOL2306	N	N	---	---	50	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2018)		
BIOL3502	Conservation genetics	6	Pass in BIOL2306 or BIOL3303 or BIOL3408	N	N	---	---	50	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II	6	Pass in BIOL2103	N	Y	---	---	60	N	Prof C B Chan, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3505	Oyster aquaculture and restoration	6	Pass in BIOL2103 or BIOL2306 or BIOL3301 or BIOL3303	N	N	---	---	20	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology	6	Pass in BIOL2306 Not for students who have passed in BIOL3501	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	N	Prof C Schunter, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology	6	Pass in BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or BIOC3604; Not for students who have passed in BIOL3108; and Not for students who have passed in BIOL4402.	N	Y	---	---	60	N	Prof A Yan, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition	6	Pass in BIOL2220 or BIOC2600. Not for students who have passed EXSC3017 or EXSC3013 or BIOL4202.	Y	Y	1	No exam	30	N	Dr H H T Cheung, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019)		

BIOL3606	Diet and disease	6	Pass in BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or BIOL3202 or BIOL3203 or BIOL3204 or BIOL3205 Not for students who have passed in BIOL3206	N	N	---	---	70	N	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3608	Food commodities	6	Pass in BIOL2101 Not for students who have passed in BIOL3210; Not for students who have passed in BIOL4207; and Not for students who have passed in BIOL4208.	N	Y	---	---	30	Y	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL3951	Ecology & biodiversity field course	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major. This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	N	N	---	---	20	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL3991	Directed studies in ecology & biodiversity	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major. This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	N	Prof S Y W Sin, Biological Sciences				Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL3992	Directed studies in food & nutritional science	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Food & Nutritional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutritional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	Y	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences				Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL3993	Directed studies in molecular biology & biotechnology	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major. This capstone course is for Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	Y	Prof. K W Y Yuen, Biological Sciences				Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL3994	Directed studies in biological sciences	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Biological Sciences Major. This capstone course is for Biological Sciences Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	Y	Prof J Wu, Biological Sciences				Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition	6	PASS in BIOL3202	Y	Y	2	No exam	60	N	Dr H H T Cheung, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4202	Nutrition and sports performance	6	Pass in BIOL3202. Not for students who have passed	N	N	---	---	30	N	Dr D M Y Wu, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science		

			EXSC3013 or EXSC3017									(2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018)		
BIOL4204	Diet, brain function and behavior	6	Pass in BIOL3204, or already enrolled in this course	N	N	---	---	30	N	TCB, Biological Sciences		Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2019,2018)		
BIOL4205	Food technology	6	Pass in BIOL3203	Y	Y	2	No exam	30	N	Dr S K S Leung, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4207	Meat and dairy sciences	6	Pass in BIOL3201	N	N	---	---	50	N	TCB, Biological Sciences				
BIOL4208	Meat, dairy and grain sciences	6	Pass in BIOL3201 or (BIOL2101 and any level 3 BIOL course); and Not for students who have passed in BIOL3210; and Not for students who have passed in BIOL4207	N	N	---	---	15	N	TCB, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2018)		
BIOL4209	Functional foods	6	Pass in BIOL3202	Y	Y	1	Dec	40	N	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4210	Food product development	6	Pass in BIOL3203 or BIOL4205	N	N	---	---	40	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries	6	Pass in BIOL3301 or BIOL3303	N	N	---	---	40	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment	6	Pass in (BIOL2103 or BIOL2306); and (ENVS3004 or any BIOL3XXX course)	Y	Y	2	No exam	30	N	Prof J Wu, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4303	Animal behaviour	6	Pass in BIOL2306; and Pass in one of the following courses: BIOL3301, BIOL3313, BIOL3319, BIOL3320 or BIOL3419	N	N	---	---	30	N	, Biological Sciences				

			Not for students who have passed in BIOL3101											
BIOL4304	Ecosystem functioning and services	6	Pass in one of the following courses: BIOL3301 or BIOL3303 or BIOL3313 or BIOL3319 or ENVS3019 or ENVS3004 or ENVS3020	N	Y	---	---	30	N	Prof B Russell, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology	6	Pass in BIOL3401	Y	N	2	May	40	N	Prof C G Zheng, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4402	Microbial biotechnology	6	Pass in BIOL3401	N	N	---	---	30	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL4409	General virology	6	Pass in BIOL3401 or BIOL3403	N	Y	---	---	30	N	Prof W B L Lim, Biological Sciences		Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology	6	Pass in BIOL3211 or BIOL3401	Y	Y	1	Dec	85	N	Prof P Wang, Biological Sciences	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Plant Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology	6	Pass in BIOL3401 or BIOL3408	Y	Y	2	May	70	N	Prof K W Y Yuen, Biological Sciences	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		

											(Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology	6	Pass in BIOC3601 or BIOC3604 or BIOL3211 or BIOL3401 or BIOL3402 or BIOL3403 or BIOL3404 or BIOL3408	N	Y	---	---	40	N	Prof J W Zhang, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology	6	Pass in BIOC3601 or BIOC3604 or BIOL3211 or BIOL3401 or BIOL3402 or BIOL3403 or BIOL3404 or BIOL3408	Y	Y	2	May	40	N	Prof J W Zhang, Biological Sciences	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4451	Cetacean behaviour, ecology and conservation: field research experience	6	Pass in at least one of the following courses: BIOL3101, BIOL3301, BIOL3313 or BIOL3320. This experiential field course is primarily for Ecology & Biodiversity Major students. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this experiential course is their year 3 study; and because it is conducted in early June, this course is best suited for year 3 students.	N	N	---	---	12	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL4501	Molecular phylogenetics and evolution	6	Pass in BIOL3401 or BIOL3408	N	N	---	---	25	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL4505	Aquaculture: industry and technology	6	Pass in BIOL3105 or BIOL3202 or BIOL3218 or BIOL3301 or BIOL4415 or ENVS3004 or ENVS3313 or CHEM3441 or CHEM4444 or BIOC4610 or ENTR3001.	Y	N	2	No exam	20	N	Prof T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases	6	PASS in BIOL3202 or BIOL3204. Not for students who have passed in BIOL3606.	Y	Y	2	No exam	64	Y	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Minor in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019)		
BIOL4861	Ecology & biodiversity internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Ecology and Biodiversity / Ecology and Biodiversity Intensive Major. This course is for Ecology & Biodiversity	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	N	Prof T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology &		

			Major / Ecology & Biodiversity Intensive Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their Year 3.								Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
BIOL4911	Conservation science in practice	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major including BIOL3303. This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	N	N	---	---	9	N	, Biological Sciences				Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL4912	Sensory evaluation of food	6	Pass in BIOL3201; and Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) in the Food & Nutrional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutrional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	N	N	---	---	15	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL4913	Advanced practicum on food and nutrient analysis	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) included BIOL3207 and / or BIOL3209 in the Food & Nutrional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutrional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	N	N	---	---	8	N	, Biological Sciences				Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2018)
BIOL4921	Animal behaviour and behavioural ecology: field course	6	Pass in BIOL3101; and Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major. This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	N	N	---	---	15	N	, Biological Sciences				
BIOL4922	Food product development and evaluation	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) included BIOL3203 and / or BIOL4205 in the Food & Nutritional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutritional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Not for students who have passed in BIOL4210 Food product development.	N	N	---	---	20	N	, Biological Sciences				Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL4962	Food & nutritional science internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Food & Nutritional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutritional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	Y	Dr S K S Leung, Biological Sciences				Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL4963	Molecular biology & biotechnology internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	Y	Prof. J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences				Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

			This capstone course is for Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major students only.. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.										(2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL4964	Biological sciences internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Biological Sciences Major. This capstone course is for Biological Sciences Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	Y	Prof. G Y W Chan, Biological Sciences				Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity Intensive Major; and This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	N	Prof S Y W Sin, Biological Sciences			Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2018)
BIOL4992	Food & nutritional science project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Food & Nutritional Science Major; and Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. This capstone course is for Food & Nutritional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	Y	Prof B C B Chan, Biological Sciences				Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major / Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major (Intensive); and Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. This capstone course is for Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major / Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	Y	Prof Chaogu Zheng, Biological Sciences			Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
BIOL4994	Biological sciences project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Biological Sciences Major; and Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. This capstone course is for Biological Sciences / Biological Sciences Intensive Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	Y	Prof C Schunter, Biological Sciences			Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
ENVS1301	Environmental life science	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	May	60	N	Prof T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science	6	Pass in BIOL1309 or EASC1401 or ENVS1301 or ENVS1401	Y	Y	1	No exam	42	N	Prof. D M Baker, Biological Sciences	Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis	6	Pass in BIOL1309 or EASC1401 or ENVS1301 or ENVS1401	Y	Y	2	May	65	Y	Prof T C Bonebrake, Biological Sciences	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3019	Urban ecology	6	Pass in BIOL2306 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002	Y	N	1	Dec	75	N	Prof T C Bonebrake, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3020	Global change ecology	6	Pass in BIOL2306 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002	N	Y	---	---	65	N	TBC, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course	6	Pass in ENVS2001 or Either pass in ENVS2002 or concurrently enrolled in ENVS2002	N	Y	---	---	10	N	TBC, Biological Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019)		
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability	6	Pass in BIOL2306 or BIOL3301 or BIOL3305 or BIOL3318 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or EASC3020	N	Y	---	---	8	N	Prof T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019)		
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change	6	Pass in BIOL2306 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or EASC2404. Priority will be given to students majoring in Environmental Science, Biological Science, and Earth System Science.	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	N	Prof J Wu, Biological Sciences		Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023);		

												Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world	6	Pass in BIOL2102.	Y	Y	2	No exam	20	N	Prof L A Ashton, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science	6	Pass in ENVS2002	N	Y	---	---	30	N	Prof H Mumby, Biological Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology	6	Pass in ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or EASC2402 or BIOL2306	N	N	---	---	40	N	TBC, Biological Sciences		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation	6	Pass in BIOL3109 or BIOL3110 or BIOL3401 or ENVS3042	N	N	---	---	30	N	, Biological Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
Centre for Applied English Studies														
CAES1000	Core University English	6	NIL	N	N	---	---	---	Y	Dr A Yau, English				
CAES1001	Academic Communication in English	6	NIL	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	N	Dr A Yau, English				
CAES9820	Academic English for science students	6	NIL	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	Y	Ms M Zee, English				

CAES9821	Professional and technical communication for statistical sciences	6	NIL	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	Y	Ms M Zee, English				
Department of Chemistry														
CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry	6	No pre-requisite. This is a bridging course for students without high school chemistry background but are keen to equip themselves with a foundation of chemistry. Students taking this course are expected to work hard by doing active self-reading in order to be able to cope with this course which should not be seen as an easy course (for those with no chemistry background). Not for students with Level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or having taken any level 1 Chemistry course or above or any equivalent Chemistry course	Y	Y	1	Dec	70	N	Dr A T L Li, Chemistry		Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019)		
CHEM1042	General chemistry I	6	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent or a pass in CHEM1041. Not for students having taken any level 1 Chemistry course (except for CHEM1041) or above or any equivalent Chemistry course.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	450	N	Dr A T L Li, Chemistry	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM1043	General chemistry II	6	Pass in CHEM1042	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	280	N	Dr A T L Li, Chemistry	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
CHEM1044	Mathematics in chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM1042 or already enrolled in this course; and Level 2 or above in Module 1 or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1011 or SCNC1111	Y	Y	2	May	80	N	Dr A M Y Yuen, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM2041	Principles of chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM1042; and Not for students who have passed in CHEM2341, or have already enrolled in	N	N	---	---	140	N	Dr I K Chu, Chemistry				

			this course; and Not for students who have passed in CHEM2441, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in CHEM2541, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for Chemistry major students.												
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I	6	Pass in CHEM1042; and Pass in CHEM1043, or already enrolled in this course	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	120	N	Prof I K Chu (1st sem); Prof E C M Tse (2nd sem), Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I	6	Pass in CHEM1042; and Pass in CHEM1043, or already enrolled in this course	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	120	N	Prof H Y Au Yeung, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I	6	Pass in CHEM1042; and Pass in CHEM1043, or already enrolled in this course	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	200	N	Prof S K Lee (1st sem); Prof XY Chen (2nd sem), Chemistry	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM2442	Fundamentals of organic chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM1042; and Not for students who have passed CHEM2441, or have already enrolled in this course.	Y	Y	1	Dec	100	N	Prof P H Toy, Chemistry		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM2443	Fundamentals of organic chemistry for pharmacy students	6	Pass in CHEM1042; and Not for students who have passed CHEM2442, or already enrolled in this course. (This course is for BPharm students only)	N	N	---	---	60	N	Dr P H Toy, Chemistry				
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM1042 and CHEM1043 Student are recommended (but not required) to take CHEM1044 before (or along with) taking this course.	Y	Y	2	May	100	N	Prof J Y Tang, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM2241 or CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2442 or CHEM2541 For those who have not got the above pre-requisite but with a pass in CHEM1042 and a pass in ENVS2001, and will work hard to cope with the course, they are welcome to join the course.	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof Y X Li, Chemistry		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3142	Chemical process industries and analysis	6	Pass in CHEM2241 or CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2442 or CHEM2541	N	N	---	---	60	N	Prof G K Y Chan, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018)		
CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM2441; and Pass in CHEM2541 or CHEM2341	Y	Y	1	Dec	60	N	Prof Y F Wang, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3144	Fundamentals of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance	6	Pass in CHEM2241 or CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2541	Y	Y	2	May	40	N	Dr K K H Ng, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023)		
CHEM3146	Principles and applications of spectroscopic and analytical	6	Pass in any CHEM2XXX level course	N	N	---	---	200	N	Dr X Li, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2022,2021,2020,2019,		

	techniques											2018)		
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation	6	Pass in CHEM2241	Y	Y	1	Dec	80	N	Prof Y Li, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3242	Food and water analysis	6	Pass in CHEM2241 or CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2541. Please note that School of Biological Sciences stipulates that students who have passed CHEM3242 are not allowed to take BIOL3209 Food and nutrient analysis.	Y	Y	2	May	50	Y	Dr K K H Ng, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3243	Introductory instrumental chemical analysis	6	Pass in CHEM2041 or CHEM2241; and Not for students who have passed CHEM3241, or have already enrolled in this course.	N	N	---	---	30	N	Dr X Li, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018)		
CHEM3244	Analytical techniques for pharmacy students	6	Pass in BPHM2136 (This course is for BPharm students only)	N	N	---	---	35	N	Dr X Li, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II	6	Pass in CHEM2341	Y	Y	1	Dec	90	N	Dr A M Y Yuen, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3342	Bioinorganic chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM2341	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof H Z Sun, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II	6	Pass in CHEM2441 [Remarks: CHEM3441 has been changed to lecture-based course from semester 2, 2015-16. For Chemistry students who admitted in 2014-15 or before, they must enroll also CHEM3443 for enrolling CHEM3441 (new version without lab component) to meet the Chemistry Major requirements.]	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	300	N	Prof Z X Huang (1st sem); Prof X Y Li (2nd sem), Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3442	Organic chemistry of biomolecules	6	Pass in CHEM2442 or CHEM3441	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	N	Prof P H Toy, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory	6	Pass in CHEM2441; and pass in CHEM3441, or already enrolled in this course; NOT for students who have passed CHEM3441A in semester 1, 2015-16, or CHEM3441 in or before 2014-2015 (for students admitted in 2014-15 or before) Pass in CHEM2441 or CHEM2442 or CHEM2443; and Pass in CHEM3441 or CHEM3442, or already enrolled in any of these two courses (for students admitted in 2015-16 or thereafter)	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	90	N	Dr A M Y Yuen, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory	6	Pass in CHEM3443 or already enrolled in this course	Y	Y	S	No exam	20	N	Prof J He, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM2541	Y	Y	1	Dec	100	N	Prof G H Chen, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory	6	Pass in CHEM2541 and CHEM3541	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof J Yang, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (Intensive)	Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

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CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX) in the Chemistry Major including a pass in CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2442 or CHEM2541. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major/ Chemistry Major (Intensive) students only. This course is designed for third year students who would like to take an early experience on research. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	N	Prof S K Lee, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications	6	Pass in CHEM3341	Y	Y	1	Dec	60	N	Prof E C M Tse, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4143	Interfacial science and technology	6	Pass in CHEM3143 or CHEM3541 or CHEM3542	N	N	---	---	50	N	Prof G K Y Chan, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018)		
CHEM4144	Advanced materials	6	Pass in CHEM3143	Y	Y	2	May	30	N	Prof E C M Tse, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM3441 or CHEM3442; and Not for students who have passed in BPHM3133, or already enrolled in this course.	Y	Y	2	May	40	N	Prof Y Li, Chemistry		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM3341 and CHEM3441	Y	Y	2	May	40	N	Prof K Okuro, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science	6	Pass in CHEM3341 and CHEM3441.	Y	Y	2	No exam	60	N	Prof X D Li, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications	6	Pass in CHEM3241	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	N	Prof I K Chu, Chemistry	Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM3241 or CHEM3242	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof H B Jiang, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM3341	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	N	Prof C M Che, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM3341	Y	Y	1	Dec	32	N	Prof J He, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM3441	Y	Y	1	Dec	40	N	Prof J He, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis	6	Pass in CHEM3441; or Pass in CHEM3441 (without lab component) and CHEM3443	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof Z X Huang, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4444	Chemical biology	6	Pass in BIOC3601 or CHEM3441	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof X C Li, Chemistry		Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4541	Physical chemistry III: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory	6	Pass in CHEM3541	N	N	---	---	40	N	---, Chemistry				

CHEM4542	Computational chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM3541 and CHEM1044	Y	Y	1	No exam	50	N	Prof J Yang, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry	6	Pass in CHEM3541	Y	Y	2	May	40	N	Prof G H Chen, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology	6	Pass in CHEM3241 or CHEM3541 or CHEM3542	N	N	---	---	36	N	Prof G K Y Chan, Chemistry		Major in Chemistry (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018); Minor in Chemistry (2023,2022,2021,2020, 2019,2018)		
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX) in the Chemistry Major including CHEM3241, and CHEM3341, and CHEM3441, and CHEM3541. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	2	No exam	---	N	Prof X D Li, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia	6	Students are expected to have satisfactorily completed all introductory chemistry disciplinary core courses and at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses in the Chemistry Major. Students who are interested in taking the course should contact the course coordinator for application in April - May. Late application may not be considered. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	S	No exam	---	Y	Dr A T L Li, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX) in the Chemistry Major. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major/ Chemistry Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	N	Dr K K H Ng, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX) in the Chemistry Major including CHEM3241, and CHEM3341, and CHEM3441, and CHEM3541. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major/ Chemistry Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	N	Prof J Y Tang, Chemistry		Minor in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)

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CSCI9001	Practical Chinese for science students	6	NIL	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	Y	Dr H F Poon, Chinese				
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EASC1020	Introduction to climate science	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC1401	Blue Planet	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	Dec	60	N	Prof M H Lee, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC1402	Principles of geology	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr M C Cheung, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC1403	Geological heritage of Hong Kong	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	May	35	N	Dr M C Cheung, Earth and Planetary Sciences				
EASC1404	Early life on earth	6	NIL	N	N	---	---	50	N	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences				
EASC1405	Peaceful use of nuclear technologies	6	NIL	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences				
EASC1406	Introduction to the earth-life system	6	Pass in EASC1401	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Earth System Science (2020,2019,2018)			
EASC1407	Dinosaur Ecosystems	6	NIL	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences				
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes	6	Pass in EASC1401 or EASC1402	Y	Y	2	No exam	---	N	Prof K H Lemke, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods	6	Pass in EASC1401 or EASC1402	Y	Y	1	No exam	40	N	Prof J Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere	6	Pass in EASC1401 or EASC1402	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	N	Prof B Z Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science		

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EASC2406	Geochemistry	6	Pass in EASC2407	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof W R Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
EASC2407	Mineralogy	6	Pass in EASC1402	Y	Y	1	Dec	30	N	Prof W R Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
EASC2408	Planetary geology	6	Pass in or concurrent taking EASC1401 or EASC1402 or PHYS1650	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof Z H Yao, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC2409	Regional field studies	6	Pass in EASC1401 or EASC1402	N	Y	---	---	20	N	Prof J Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences	6	Pass in EASC1401	Y	Y	2	No exam	---	N	Prof B Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022)		
EASC2411	Introduction to the Earth-Life system	6	Pass in EASC1401 Not for students who have passed in EASC1406	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof Y L Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts	6	Pass in EASC2404 or ENVS2001	N	Y	---	---	---	N	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3402	Petrology	6	Pass in EASC2407	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof G Zhao, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments	6	Pass in EASC2402 or EASC3402	N	Y	---	---	---	N	Prof N R McKenzie, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3404	Structural geology	6	Pass in EASC2402 and EASC3402	Y	Y	1	Dec	40	N	Prof J Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive)	Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

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EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing	6	Pass in EASC2404 or EASC2406 or EASC2407 or ENVS2002	Y	Y	2	No exam	54	N	Prof M Wang, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate	6	Pass in EASC2401	Y	N	2	May	---	N	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3408	Geophysics	6	Pass in EASC2401 or PHYS2250	Y	Y	2	No exam	---	N	Prof X Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis	6	Pass in EASC3402	N	N	---	---	30	N	Prof G Zhao, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Geology (2023,2022,2021); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2023,2022); Minor in Earth Sciences (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3410	Hydrogeology	6	Pass in EASC2402	Y	Y	1	Dec	40	N	Prof J J Jiao, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3412	Earth resources	6	Pass in EASC2402 or EASC3402	N	N	---	---	40	N	, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences		

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EASC3413	Engineering geology	6	Pass in EASC3410 and EASC3414, or already enrolled in these courses This course is only for final year students.	Y	Y	2	May	35	N	Prof L N Y Wong, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics	6	Pass in EASC3410, or already enrolled in this course	Y	Y	2	May	40	N	Prof J J Jiao, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3415	Meteorology	6	Pass in EASC2404	Y	Y	2	No exam	---	N	Prof Dazhi Xi, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology	6	Pass in EASC2401 or EASC2406 or EASC2407	N	N	---	---	50	N	, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3417	Earth through time	6	Pass in EASC3403	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof Y L Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change	6	Pass in EASC2401 and EASC2402 OR Pass in ENVS2001	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof N Khan, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021)		
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies	6	Pass one of the following 2000-level courses: EASC2402 or ENVS2001 or GEOG2137 Or upon special arrangement with the course coordinator	N	N	---	---	15	N	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019)		

EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences	6	Pass EASC2410 or have proficiency in programming languages, preferably Python.	Y	Y	1	No exam	---	N	Prof B Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024)	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022); Major in Geology (2023,2022,2021); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2023,2022); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022)		
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Geology or Earth System Science Majors; and Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above. This course is not a capstone course and students cannot use this course to fulfill the capstone requirement of the Earth System Science and Geology Majors. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	N	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles	6	Pass in EASC3403 or EASC3416 or ENVS3313	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof Y Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics	6	Pass in EASC3403 or EASC3404 or EASC3408 or EASC3409	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof G Zhao, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC4407	Regional geology	6	Pass in EASC3402; and (EASC3403 or EASC3404 or EASC2410)	Y	Y	1	No exam	40	Y	Prof X Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences	6	Pass in any EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX course	N	N	---	---	30	N	Prof M H Lee, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Earth System Science Major including at least two of the following courses: EASC3410, EASC3415, EASC3418 or ENVS3313. This capstone course is for Earth System Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	2	No exam	---	N	Prof S C Chang, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)	
EASC4955	Integrated field studies	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Geology Major / Geology Major (Intensive).	Y	Y	2	No exam	35	N	Prof N R McKenzie, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022,2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology	

			This must include either a PASS in, or student must be already enrolled in EASC3403, EASC3404 and either EASC3409 or EASC4406. This capstone course is for Geology Major/ Geology Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.									(Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Geology or Earth System Science Majors. This course is not a capstone course and students cannot use this course to fulfill the capstone requirement of the Earth System Science and Geology Majors. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	N	Dr M C Cheung, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
EASC4999	Earth sciences project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Geology or Earth System Science Majors; and Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or above. This course is not a capstone course and students cannot use this course to fulfill the capstone requirement of the Earth System Science and Geology Majors. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	N	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Earth Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	---	Y	Dr C Not, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
ENVS2020	Biogeochemistry of the environment	6		N	N	---	---		N					
ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics	6	Pass in one of the following courses: CHEM2041, EASC2404, ENVS2001 or ENVS2002	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof N S Khan, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation	6	Pass in EASC2404 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof N S KHAN, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3042	Pollution	6	Pass in EASC2401 or CHEM2241 or BIOL2103 or ENVS2001	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	N	Dr X Luo, Earth and Planetary Sciences		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography	6	Pass in BIOL2306 or EASC2404 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002	Y	Y	2	No exam	---	N	Dr C Not, Earth and Planetary Sciences	Minor in Marine Biology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3999	Directed studies in environmental science	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Environmental Science Major. This capstone course is for Environmental Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	N	Dr C Not, Earth and Planetary Sciences				Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
ENVS4955	Environmental science in practice	6	Pass in at least 12 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Environmental Science Major.	N	N	---	---	8	N	, Biological Sciences				
ENVS4966	Environmental science internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Environmental Science Major. This capstone course is for Environmental Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	N	Prof N S Khan, Earth and Planetary Sciences				Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
ENVS4999	Environmental science project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Environmental Science Major; and This capstone course is for Environmental Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	N	Dr C Not, Earth and Planetary Sciences				Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
Department of Mathematics														
MATH1009	Basic mathematics for business and economics	6	NIL The course has no pre-requisite, but students are expected to have already achieved Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent. Not for students who have passed MATH1011 or MATH1013, or have already enrolled in these courses. This course is exclusively for non-Science and non-Engineering students (i.e. not for students from the Faculty of Science or Engineering).	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	540	N	Dr Y M Chan, Mathematics				
MATH1011	University mathematics I	6	Not for students: (a) with Level 2 or above in M1 or M2 of HKDSE Math or equivalent; (b) have passed or already enrolled in any of following courses: MATH1009, 1013, 1821, 1851, PHYS1150, CHEM1044, level 2 or above math courses; (c) have passed MATH1853.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	400	N	Dr H Y Zhang, Mathematics		Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH1013	University mathematics II	6	Level 2 or above in Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1009 or MATH1011; and Not for students who have passed	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	500	N	Dr T W Ching, Mathematics	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021,	Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018);		

			MATH1821, or (MATH1851 and MATH1853), or have already enrolled in this course.								2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
MATH1641	Mathematical laboratory and modeling	6	NIL	N	N	---	---	30	N	TBC, Mathematics				
MATH1821	Mathematical methods for actuarial science I	6	Level 4 or above in HKDSE Mathematics plus Module 1, or Level 4 or above in HKDSE Mathematics plus Module 2, or equivalent; and Not for students who have passed MATH1013 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853), or have already enrolled in these courses. For BSc(ActuarSc) students only.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr K H Law, Mathematics	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
MATH1851	Calculus and ordinary differential equations	6	Level 2 or above in Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1011. (This course is exclusively for Engineering students.)	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	700	N	Dr F L Tsang, Mathematics				
MATH1853	Linear algebra, probability and statistics	6	Level 2 or above in Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1011, or take MATH1011 and MATH1853 concurrently in the same semester. (This course is exclusively for Engineering students.)	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	700	N	Dr F L Tsang, Mathematics				
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics	6	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853). Students with good grades in HKDSE Math Module 1 or Math Module 2 (or other equivalent qualifications) and have strong interests in math may also apply for taking this course concurrently with its prerequisites courses (subject to the approval from Course Selection Advisors).	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr Y M Chan, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra	6	Pass in MATH1013 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853). Not for students who have passed MATH2822 or [(MATH2101 or MATH2102) and MATH2211], or have already enrolled in these courses.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr H Y Zhang, Mathematics	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021,	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research &		

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MATH2101	Linear algebra I	6	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or MATH1853	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr K Y Chan, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH2102	Linear algebra II	6	Pass in MATH2101 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr K H Law, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus	6	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853)	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr T W Ching, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis	6	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1851 or MATH1821.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Prof K Y Chan (1st sem); Prof C Y Hui (2nd sem), Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
MATH2822	Mathematical methods for actuarial science II	6	Pass in MATH1821. For BSc(ActuarSc) students only.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr K H Law, Mathematics	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
MATH3001	Development of mathematical ideas	6	Pass in MATH2101, MATH2102, MATH2211 and MATH2241	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3002	Mathematics seminar	6	Pass in MATH2012, MATH2101, MATH2211 and MATH2241 Subject to approval by the Department.	Y	Y	2	No exam	12	Y	Dr K H Law, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3301	Algebra I	6	Pass in MATH2101 and MATH2102.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof Y K Lau, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3303	Matrix theory and its applications	6	Pass in MATH2101 and MATH2102	N	N	---	---	---	N	Prof T K Wong, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

MATH3304	Introduction to number theory	6	Pass in MATH2101 and MATH2211. MATH3301 recommended but not required.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof B Kane, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3401	Analysis I	6	Pass in MATH2211	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof X Zhang, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable	6	Pass in MATH2211 and MATH2241	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof X Zhang, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3405	Differential equations	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr H Y Zhang, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof W K Ching, Mathematics		Major in Decision Analytics (2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3541	Introduction to topology	6	Pass in MATH2101 and MATH2241. Pass or have already enrolled in MATH3301 and MATH3401.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof Z Hua, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics	6	Pass in (MATH1013 and any 1 of Level 2 MATH courses) or (MATH1851 and MATH1853 and any 1 of level 2 MATH courses) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	Y	Dr K H Law, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical		

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MATH3601	Numerical analysis	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr F L Tsang, Mathematics	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3603	Probability theory	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof Z Bao, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3901	Operations research I	6	Pass in MATH2014 or MATH2101 or MATH2102	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof L Lai, Mathematics	Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof W Zang, Mathematics	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr G Han, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming		

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MATH3906	Financial calculus	6	Pass in MATH2211 or MATH2014 or MATH2822. Students are strongly recommended to have passed or already enrolled in MATH3603 or STAT2601.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof G Li, Mathematics	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof T W Ng, Mathematics		Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3943	Network models in operations research	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	Y	Dr K H Law, Mathematics		Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics	6	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	Y	Dr K H Law, Mathematics				Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)

			level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.												
MATH4302	Algebra II	6	Pass in MATH2102 and MATH3301	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof J H Lu, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH4402	Analysis II	6	Pass in MATH3401	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr Y M Chan, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH4404	Functional analysis	6	Pass in MATH2101, MATH2102, MATH2211, MATH2241 and MATH3401	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof D Li, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations	6	Pass in MATH2101, MATH2102, MATH2241; and Pass in MATH3405, or already enrolled in this course.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr H Y Zhang, Mathematics	Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH4501	Geometry	6	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211); and Pass in MATH3401, MATH3405 and MATH3541.	Y	N	2	May	---	N	Prof J H Lu, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds	6	Pass in MATH3401 or MATH3541. It would be helpful if students have also taken or are concurrently taking MATH4402.	N	Y	---	---	---	N	Prof J H Lu, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH4602	Scientific computing	6	Pass in MATH3601 or MATH3408	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof W K Ching, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

MATH4902	Operations research II	6	Pass in MATH2101, MATH2211 and MATH3603.	Y	N	2	May	---	N	Prof G Han, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus	6	Pass in MATH3906 or equivalent.	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr G Li, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar	6	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.	Y	Y	2	No exam	12	N	Dr K H Law, Mathematics				Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project	6	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. This course is for third and fourth year students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Mathematics				Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)

MATH4966	Mathematics internship	6	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	Y	Dr. H Y Zhang, Mathematics				Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
MATH4999	Mathematics project	12	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	Y	Dr K H Law, Mathematics				Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis	6	Pass in a first course in Complex Analysis such as MATH3403, and approval by the course coordinator.	Y	Y	1	No exam	---	N	Prof N Mok, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7201	Topics in geometry	6	Pass in (MATH4402 or MATH4501) and (MATH4511 or the approval of the course coordinator)	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7202	Complex manifolds	6	Pass in MATH3403 or MATH4501 or MATH7101.	N	N	---	---	---	N	Prof N Mok, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics	6	Pass in an advanced level mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) and subject to the approval of the course coordinator.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis	6	Pass in MATH3401 and MATH4404, or approval of the course coordinator.	Y	N	1	No exam	---	N	Prof D Li, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics		

												(Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory	6	Pass in MATH3603 and MATH4402, and approval of the course coordinator.	Y	Y	1	No exam	---	N	Prof G Han, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7501	Topics in algebra	6	Approval by the course coordinator.	Y	N	1	No exam	---	N	Prof Z Hua, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics	6	Pass in (MATH3301 or MATH3600), and approval of the course coordinator.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof W Zang, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization	6	Pass in MATH3901, MATH3904 and approval of the course coordinator.	Y	Y	2	No exam	---	N	Prof X Yuan, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7504	Geometric topology	6	Pass in MATH3301 and MATH3401	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
MATH7505	Real analysis	6	1. Pass in MATH3401. 2. MATH3541 recommended but not required.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof C Y Hui, Mathematics		Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018);		

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Department of Physics														
PHYS1000	Introduction to astronomy	6	Nil	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr J C S Pun, Physics				
PHYS1001	University physics	6	NIL	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr F K Chow, Physics				
PHYS1050	Physics for engineering students	6	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or Combined Science with Physics components or equivalent; and (Level 2 or above in Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1011) (This course is exclusive for Engineering students.)	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr C C Ling, Physics				
PHYS1055	How things work	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr J C S Pun, Physics				
PHYS1056	Weather, climate and climate change	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr J C S Pun, Physics				
PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics	6	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent, or Pass in PHYS1240; and Not for students who have passed in MATH2014 or MATH2101 or MATH2211, or already enrolled in these courses	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Prof C J Wang, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS1240	Physics by inquiry	6	NIL Not for students with level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics; and Not for students who have passed in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1300 or ENGG1310, or already enrolled in these courses; and Not for students who have passed in any level 2 PHYS course or above.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr F K Chow, Physics				
PHYS1250	Fundamental physics	6	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent, or Pass in PHYS1240; and Not for students who have passed in PHYS1050, or already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in any level 2 PHYS course or above.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Prof J H C Lee, Physics	Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS1650	Nature of the universe	6	NIL	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr K M Lee, Physics	Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity	6	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1300	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr K M Lee, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I	6	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or MATH1851 or PHYS1150; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3401, or already enrolled in this course	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr F K Chow, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II	6	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or MATH1851 or PHYS1150; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3401, or already enrolled in this course	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof Y J Tu, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics	6	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or MATH1851 or PHYS1150	N	Y	---	---	30	N	TBC, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy		

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PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics	6	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1300	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr F K Chow, Physics	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism	6	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1310	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr J C S Pun, Physics	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2260	Heat and waves	6	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1250	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr M Su, Physics				
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics	6	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1350	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof M H Xie, Physics	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics	6	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1300	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Prof D K Ki, Physics	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy	6	Pass in PHYS1650	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof B Zhang, Physics	Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS2850	Atomic and nuclear physics	6	Pass in PHYS2265	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr S Z Zhang, Physics				
PHYS3150	Theoretical physics	6	Pass in MATH2211 or PHYS2150 or PHYS2155	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof S Z Zhang, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics	6	Pass in MATH2014 or MATH2101 or MATH2211 or PHYS2155 or PHYS2160. Working knowledge of Python is needed (please talk to the course instructor in case of doubt).	N	Y	---	---	---	Y	Prof Z Y Meng, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics	6	Pass in PHYS2150 and PHYS2250	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof S Q Shen, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics	6	Pass in PHYS2150 and PHYS2265, knowledge of PHYS2155 will be advantageous	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr F K Chow, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism	6	Pass in PHYS2150 and PHYS2255, knowledge of PHYS2155 will be advantageous	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof X D Cui, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics		

												(2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics	6	Pass in PHYS2150 and (PHYS2260 or PHYS2261)	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof C J Wang, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3551	Introductory solid state physics	6	Pass in PHYS2260 and PHYS2265	N	N	---	---	---	N	Prof J Gao, Physics				
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy	6	Pass in PHYS2255 or PHYS2650	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof J J L Lim, Physics	Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3651	The physical universe	6	Pass in PHYS1650 and (PHYS2250 or PHYS2265)	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr K M Lee, Physics				
PHYS3652	Principles of astronomy	6	Pass in PHYS1650 and (PHYS2250 or PHYS2265)	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr L X Dai, Physics				
PHYS3653	Astrophysics	6	Pass in PHYS2250 or PHYS2265 or PHYS2650	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof L X Dai, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory	6	Pass in (PHYS2265 or PHYS2650); and Pass in PHYS3650, or already enrolled in this course.	Y	Y	1	No exam	9	Y	Prof S C Y Ng, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy	6	Pass in PHYS2255 and PHYS2265	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof T T Luu, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3751	Physics of nanomaterials	6	Pass in PHYS3351; and Pass in PHYS3551, or already enrolled in this course.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Physics				
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory	6	Pass in any two of the following courses: PHYS3350, PHYS3351, PHYS3450, PHYS3550	Y	Y	2	No exam	16	N	Prof T T Luu, Physics	Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)	Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3850	Physical Optics	6	Pass in PHYS2250 and PHYS2255	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof Y Yang, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive)		

												(2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics	6	Pass in PHYS2265	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof J H C Lee, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (3XXX level or above) disciplinary core/elective courses of the Physics Major, Physics (Intensive) Major, Mathematics/Physics Major or Astronomy Major curriculum. This capstone course is for Astronomy, Mathematics/Physics, Physics, and Physics (Intensive) Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	Y	Prof F C C Ling, Physics				Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
PHYS4150	Computational physics	6	Pass in (MATH3301 or MATH3401 or MATH3403 or MATH3405 or PHYS2160 or PHYS3151) and (PHYS3350 or PHYS3351 or PHYS3450 or PHYS3550)	Y	Y	1	Dec	24	N	Prof Z Y Meng, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics	6	Pass in (MATH3301 or MATH3401 or MATH3403 or MATH3405 or PHYS2160 or PHYS3150) and (PHYS3350 or PHYS3351 or PHYS3450 or PHYS3550)	N	Y	---	---	---	N	Prof H F Chau, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4350	Advanced classical mechanics	6	Pass in PHYS3350	N	N	---	---	---	N	Prof S Q Shen, Physics				
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics	6	Pass in (PHYS2155 or PHYS3150) and PHYS3351	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof Yao Wang, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism	6	Pass in (PHYS2155 or PHYS3150) and PHYS3450	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof X D Cui, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics	6	Pass in PHYS3550	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr Y J Tu, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018);		

												Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4551	Solid state physics	6	Pass in (PHYS2255 or PHYS2261) and PHYS3351	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof Z D Zhang, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4650	Stellar physics	6	Pass in PHYS3351 and PHYS3651	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr S C Y Ng, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4651	Selected topics in astrophysics	6	Pass in PHYS3351 or PHYS3450 or PHYS3550 or PHYS3651	N	N	---	---	---	N	Prof K S Cheng, Physics				
PHYS4652	Planetary science	6	Pass in PHYS3651 or PHYS3653 or (PHYS3350 and PHYS3550)	Y	N	2	May	---	N	Prof M H Lee, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology	6	Pass in PHYS3653 or (PHYS2055 and PHYS2650 and PHYS3450)	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof L X Dai, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4654	General relativity	6	Pass in PHYS2055 and PHYS3350	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr K M Lee, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium	6	Pass in PHYS3651 or PHYS3653 or (PHYS3351 and PHY3550)	N	Y	---	---	---	N	Prof M H Lee, Earth Sciences		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy		

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PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics	6	Pass in PHYS3651 or PHYS3653 or (PHYS3351 and PHYS3450)	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof S C Y Ng, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Astronomy (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4750	Experimental physics	6	TBC	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Physics				
PHYS4850	Particle physics	6	Pass in PHYS3351	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof Y J Tu, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS4966	Physics internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (3XXX level or above) disciplinary core/elective courses of the Physics Major, Physics (Intensive) Major, Mathematics/Physics Major or Astronomy Major curriculum. This capstone course is for Astronomy, Mathematics/Physics, Physics, and Physics (Intensive) Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	S	No exam	---	N	Prof F C C Ling, Physics				Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
PHYS4999	Physics project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (3XXX level or above) disciplinary core/elective courses of the Physics Major, Physics (Intensive) Major, Mathematics/Physics Major or Astronomy Major curriculum. This capstone course is for Astronomy, Mathematics/Physics, Physics, and Physics (Intensive) Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	Y	Prof F C C Ling, Physics				Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics	6	Pass in PHYS3150 and PHYS4351	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof S Q Shen, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory	6	Pass in PHYS3150 and PHYS4450	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof Y X Zhao, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		

PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics	6	Pass in (PHYS3550 and PHYS4351) or PHYS4550	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr K M Lee, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
PHYS7551	Graduate solid state physics	6	Pass in PHYS3551 and PHYS4351	N	N	---	---	---	N	Prof J Wang, Physics				
PHYS7650	Stellar atmospheres	6	TBC	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, Physics				
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics	6	Pass in PHYS3351 and PHYS4551	N	Y	---	---	---	N	Prof D K Ki, Physics		Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
ENVS3006	Environmental radiation	6	Pass in CHEM2041 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or PHYS2265	N	N	---	---	---	N	Dr J K C Leung, Physics				
ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment	6	Pass in CHEM2041 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or PHYS2260	N	N	---	---	---	N	Prof A B Djurisic, Physics		Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)		
Faculty of Science														
ENTR2001	Professional and leadership development	6	Any level 1 undergraduate course	Y	Y	1	No exam	24	N	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
ENTR3001	Science-based innovation development	6	Pass in IIMT1611 and ENTR2001, or already enrolled in these courses	Y	Y	2	No exam	24	N	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
ENTR3002	Customer analysis and strategic marketing	6	Pass in IIMT1611 and ENTR2001, or already enrolled in these courses	Y	Y	2	No exam	24	N	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
ENTR4966	Entrepreneurship internship	6	Pass in ENTR3001 and ENTR3002 Students must be in their Year 3 study or beyond, as well as minoring in Science Entrepreneurship.	Y	Y	S	No exam	24	N	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
ENTR4999	Entrepreneurship project	6	Pass in ENTR3001 and ENTR3002 Students must be in their Year 3 study or beyond, as well as minoring in Science Entrepreneurship.	Y	Y	1	No exam	24	N	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018)			
INRE6033	Research ethics for graduate students (Faculty of Science)	3	For Year 2 or above BSc&MRes (Science Master Class) students only.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	N	Prof X D Li, Chemistry				
INRE7999	Research Project	42	For BSc&MRes (Science Master Class) students only. Pass in INRE6033. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Biological Sciences (Intensive) Major, Chemistry (Intensive) Major, Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major, Geology (Intensive) Major, Mathematics (Intensive) Major, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) Major or Physics (Intensive) Major in the BSc curriculum. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their year 4 study.	Y	Y	0	No exam	---	N	Prof X D Li, Chemistry				
SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning	6	Not for students who have taken STAT1016/STAT1018 from taking	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	Y	Prof R K W Lui, Faculty	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022,			

			SCNC1111 (unless they have declared a Science major). (This course is compulsory for all students taking a Science major offered by the Faculty of Science, except those who are eligible for exemption. Students should take this course in their first year.)							2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			

SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science	6	NIL (This course is compulsory for all students taking a Science major offered by the Faculty of Science, except those who are eligible for exemption. Students should take this course in their first year.)	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	Y	Dr J C S Pun, Physics	Major in Biochemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Earth System Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Environmental Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Geology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Mathematics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2025,2024,2023,2022, 2021,2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics			

											(2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
SCNC1113	The big history of our planet: a scientific perspective on everything that has ever happened	6	Level 3 or above in at least one science subject at the pre-university level (HKDSE Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined/Integrated Science or equivalent) This course is not offered to students in the 6901 BSc or 6119 BEd&BSc programmes.	N	Y	---	---	50	N	Dr W M Y Cheung, Faculty				
SCNC2121	Sustainable food production	6	Students are expected to have passed at least 30 credits of level 1 and/or level 2 science courses. Students will also need to pass an interview in order to be enrolled in the course.	N	Y	---	---	32	N	Dr H S El-Nezami, Biological Sciences				
SCNC2122	Marine life science: a North East Pacific perspective	6	Students are expected to have passed at least 30 credits of level 1 and/or level 2 science courses. Students will also need to pass an interview in order to be enrolled in the course.	N	Y	---	---	32	N	Dr T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences				
SCNC3111	Frontiers of science honours seminar course	6	Pass in a level 2 science course. The course is for Science students only . Students who participated or will participate in ORF/SRF must take this course.	Y	Y	1	No exam	70	N	Prof R K W Lui, Faculty				
SCNC4988	Science research internship I	12	For Year 3 or Year 4 Cambridge-track students only.	Y	Y	S	No exam	---	N	Prof B R Kane, Mathematics				
SCNC4999	Science research internship II	12	For Year 4 Cambridge-track students only.	Y	Y	S	No exam	---	N	Prof B R Kane, Mathematics				
SCNC9001	Eureka Research Course (Science)	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	No exam	10	N	Prof B R Kane, Mathematics				
SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)														
STAT1005	Essential skills for undergraduates: foundations of data science	6	Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: COMP2501, STAT1015, STAT1016, STAT1018; and Not for Year 2 or above BSc(ActuarSc) and BEng(CompSc) students; and Not for Year 2 or above students majoring in Computer Science/Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and Not for Year 4 or above students from any curriculum. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	210	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Minor in Statistics (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018)		
STAT1015	Introduction to data science	6	Not for students who have passed in STAT1005, STAT1016, STAT1018 or already enrolled in this course; and This course is exclusive for BASc(AppliedAI) and BASc(FinTech) students. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	40	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT1016	Data science 101	6	Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: LING2071, STAT1005, STAT1015, STAT1018; and This course is exclusive for BASc and BA(HDT) students. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	No exam	150	Y	Dr E A L Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT1018	Foundations of data science	6	Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: STAT1005, STAT1015, STAT1016; and Not for Year 2 or above BSc(ActuarSc), and BEng(CompSc), BEng(AI&DataSc) and BEng(DS&E) students; and Not for Year 2 or above students majoring in Computer Science/Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics;	Y	Y	2	No exam	80	N	Dr E A L Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		

			and Not for Year 4 or above students from any curriculum. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.											
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts	6	Not for students who have passed in any of the following courses: MATH1853, STAT1602, STAT1603, STAT2602, STAT3902. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr C W Kwan, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2024,2023,2022)		
STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods	6	Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent; and Not for students with Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics Extended Module 1 or 2; and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: STAT2901, STAT1602, STAT2601, STAT1603, ECON1280 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018); Minor in Risk Management (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
STAT1602	Business statistics	6	Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: STAT1601, STAT2601, STAT1603, STAT2901 or ECON1280 (This course is available to students pursuing a major/minor in Business only, except students from Science or Engineering Faculty). Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Minor in Risk Management (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018); Minor in Statistics (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018)		
STAT1603	Introductory statistics	6	(Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics Extended Module 1 or 2 or equivalent) or (Pass or already enrolled in any of these courses: MATH1009, MATH1011, MATH1013, MATH1851, MATH1853); and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of these courses: STAT1602, STAT2601, STAT2901 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Chemistry (Intensive) (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018); Major in Physics (Intensive) (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018); Minor in Risk Management (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018); Minor in Statistics (2022,2021,2020,2019, 2018)		
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I	6	Pass or already enrolled in MATH2014 or (MATH2101 and MATH2211); and Not for students who have passed in ELEC2844, MATH3603, STAT1603, STAT2901 or already enrolled in these courses; and Not for BSc(ActuarSc) students. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr K P Wat, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II	6	Pass in STAT2601; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3902, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Prof L Feng, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		

STAT2603	Data management with SAS	6	Pass in STAT1600 or MATH1821, or already enrolled in this course Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Minor in Risk Management (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis	6	Pass or already enrolled in STAT1600 or MATH1821 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853). Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	No exam	---	N	Prof M Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT2605	Demographic and socio-economic statistics	6	(Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics or Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics Extended Module 1 or 2 or equivalent); and Pass or already enrolled in BIOL2102, ECON1280, STAT1601, STAT1602, STAT2601, STAT1603, STAT2901 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Minor in Actuarial Studies (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
STAT2901	Probability and statistics: foundations of actuarial science	6	Pass in MATH1821 [for BSc(ActuarSc) students] or already enrolled in this course, or Pass in MATH1013 or already enrolled in this course [for students outside the BSc(ActuarSc) programme]; and Not for students who have passed or enrolled in any of these courses: STAT1601, STAT1602, STAT1603, STAT2601 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2020,2019,2018)		
STAT2902	Financial mathematics	6	Pass in STAT2901, or already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3615, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof K C Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
STAT3010	Image processing and computer vision	6	Pass in (MATH2014 or MATH2101 or STAT2602) and (COMP2113 or COMP2119 or COMP2396); and Not for students who have passed in APAI3010, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	15	N	Prof K Han, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019)		
STAT3021	Modern biostatistics	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902; and Not for students who have passed in APAI3021, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	15	N	Prof D Y Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Statistics (2024); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019)		
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis	6	Pass in BIOF2014 or STAT2602; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3907, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	Dec, May	---	N	Dr C W Kwan, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3602	Statistical inference	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		

STAT3603	Stochastic processes	6	Pass in STAT2601; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3603, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3903, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof C Wang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3604	Design and analysis of experiments	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3611 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	23	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3605	Quality control and management	6	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2602 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Statistics (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3606	Business logistics	6	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2601 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2901; and Not for students who have passed MATH3901, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	No exam	---	Y	Dr O T K Choi, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3607	Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3608	Statistical genetics	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	23	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk	6	Pass in STAT2602, or already enrolled in this course, or Pass in (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course); and Not for students who have passed in FINA2320, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for BSc(Actuarial Science) students Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Mr H Y Y Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance	6	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2601 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2901. (Not available to Actuarial Science students) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof A W F Chong, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3611	Computer-aided data analysis	6	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Minor in Risk Management (2021,2020,2019,2018);		

			level 2 course) or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course); and Not for students who have passed in or have already enrolled in any of these courses: STAT2601, STAT2901, STAT3616 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.									Minor in Statistics (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning	6	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907, or already enrolled in this course; and Pass in COMP1117 or ENGG1330 or STAT2604; and Not for students who have passed in STAT4904, or already enrolled in this course; and Not for BSc(Actuarial Science) students. BSc(Actuarial Science) students are advised to take STAT4904 Statistical learning for risk modelling instead. Recommended: proficiency in Python and programming assignments will require the use of Python Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	N	Prof L Yu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3613	Marketing analytics	6	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2601 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2901 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	50	N	Dr C W Kwan, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3614	Business forecasting	6	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course); and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of these courses: STAT2601, STAT2901, STAT3907, STAT4601, ECON2280. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Minor in Risk Management (2021,2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2021,2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment	6	Pass in (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2601 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2901; and Not for students who have passed in STAT2902, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof K C Yuen, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3616	Advanced SAS programming	6	Pass in STAT2601 or STAT2901 (Students are strongly recommended to take STAT2603 or STAT2604 prior to taking this course.) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	50	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT3617	Sample survey methods	6	Pass or already enrolled in BIOL2102, or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course), or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course), or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course), or STAT2601, or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course), or STAT2901. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr O T K Choi, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Food & Nutritional Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management	6	Pass in STAT3615; and Not for students who have passed or	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof M Zhu, SCDS (Department of Statistics		Major in Risk Management		

			already enrolled in any of the following courses: FINA2322, MATH3906, STAT3905; and Not for BSc(Actuarial Science) students. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.							and Actuarial Science)		(2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr C Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis	6	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 (Students are strongly recommended to take STAT2604 prior to taking this course.) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof E C H Fong, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3622	Data visualization	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	No exam	50	N	Prof D Y Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3655	Survival analysis	6	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof Y Gu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics Majors; and Not for students who have already enrolled in STAT4799 in this academic year. This capstone course is only for students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and subject to the consent of course coordinator. This course is mutually exclusive with STAT4710. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	50	N	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)
STAT3901	Life contingencies I	6	(Pass in STAT2602 and STAT3615) or (Pass in STAT2902 and (Pass in STAT3902 or already enrolled in this course)) or (Pass in STAT2602 and STAT2902) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr K P Wat, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		

STAT3902	Mathematical statistics	6	Pass in STAT2901; and Not for students who have passed in STAT2602, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof M Hofert, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
STAT3903	Stochastic models	6	Pass in STAT2901; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3603, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3603, or have already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof K Zhu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
STAT3904	Corporate finance for actuarial science	6	[(Pass in ACCT1101 and STAT2902) or (Pass in STAT3615)]; and Not for students who have passed in FINA1310, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr D Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3905	Introduction to financial derivatives	6	Pass in STAT2902; and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: FINA2322, MATH3906, STAT3618; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof T Boonen, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
STAT3906	Risk theory I	6	Pass in STAT3903, or already enrolled in this course; or Pass in MATH3603 or STAT3603 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof K C Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3907	Linear models and forecasting	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902, or already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3600, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT4601, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in ECON2280, or have already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Mr H Y Y Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
STAT3908	Credibility theory and loss modelling	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 or STAT3906 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof M Hofert, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3909	Life contingencies II	6	Pass in STAT3901, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr D Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
STAT3910	Financial economics I	6	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902; and Not for students who have passed in FINA2322, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3906, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr A Lo, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3911	Financial economics II	6	Pass in MATH3603 or STAT3603 or STAT3903 or STAT3910; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3906, or have already enrolled in this course.	Y	Y	2	May	---	Y	Prof W Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management		

			Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.									(2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3951	Topics on advanced actuarial modelling	6	Pass in STAT3906, or already enrolled in this course; and Pass in STAT3910, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr D Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3952	Investment and asset management	6	Pass in STAT3901; and Not for students who have passed in FINA2320, or have already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT3953	Fundamentals of actuarial practice	6	Pass in STAT3901. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	No exam	---	N	Dr K P Wat, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3954	Current topics in actuarial science	6	Pass in STAT3901, or already enrolled in this course; or Pass in STAT3909, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3955	Survival analysis	6	Pass in STAT3902, or already enrolled in this course; or Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3901; Not for students who have passed in STAT3955, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2019); BSc in Actuarial Science (2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2019,2018)		
STAT3956	Life contingencies III	6	Pass in STAT3909; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof T Boonen, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT3957	Essential principles in actuarial modelling	6	Pass in STAT3901 or already enrolled in this course For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	No exam	40	N	Mr K K L Chan, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT4011	Natural language processing	6	Pass in STAT2602 and (COMP2113 or COMP2119 or COMP2396); and Not for students who have passed in APAI4011, or already enrolled in this course. Recommended: familiarity with deep learning or machine learning; strong programming skills (e.g., Python) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	No exam	15	N	Dr A S M Lau, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4013	Applied high-performance computing and parallel programming	6	Passed in (COMP2113 or COMP2119 or COMP2396) and (STAT3600 or STAT3612); and Not for students who have passed in APAI4013, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	15	N	Prof L Qu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT4022	Omics data analysis	6	Pass in STAT2602, and pass or already enrolled in STAT3612; and Not for students who have passed in APAI4022, or already enrolled in this course.	Y	Y	2	May	15	N	Prof G Yin, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				

			Knowledge in basic molecular biology/biochemistry/bioinformatics, undergraduate level statistics knowledge and programming skills are needed. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.												
STAT4023	Medical image analysis	6	Pass or already enrolled in STAT3600, and Pass in (COMP2113 or COMP2119 or COMP2396); and ot for students who have passed in APAI4023, or already enrolled in this course. Recommended: familiarity with machine learning/deep learning; strong programming skills (Python/PyTorch will be used in this course) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	15	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4601	Time-series analysis	6	Pass in STAT3600; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3614, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3907, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof G Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis	6	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	50	N	Prof Y Cao, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management	6	Pass in (STAT3618 or FINA2322) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	No exam	---	Y	Dr O T K Choi, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance	6	Pass in STAT3618 or STAT3910 or STAT3905 or (FINA2322 and any University level 3 course) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis	6	Pass in STAT3618 or STAT3905 or STAT3910 or (FINA2322 and any University level 3 course) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr K P Wat, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4608	Market risk analysis	6	Pass in STAT3907 and STAT3910; or Pass in STAT4601 and (FINA2320 or STAT3609)	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr Z Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2019,2018); Major in Risk		

			Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.									Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4609	Big data analytics	6	Pass in STAT3612 or STAT4904 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	No exam	50	N	Prof M M Y Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			
STAT4610	Bayesian learning	6	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3602 or STAT3603 or STAT3902 or STAT3903 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec		N	Prof E C H Fong, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Applied Artificial Intelligence (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019); Minor in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates	6	Students are expected to have satisfactorily completed at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics Majors. Students who are interested in taking the course should submit their applications to the Department. This capstone course is only for students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics, and is mutually exclusive with STAT3799, STAT4766 and STAT4799. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	50	N	Prof K C Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)
STAT4711	Capstone experience for actuarial science undergraduates	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in BSc(Actuarial Science) programme including (Pass in STAT3901, or already enrolled in this course; or Pass in STAT3909, or already enrolled in this course); and This capstone course is only for BSc(Actuarial Science) students, and is mutually exclusive with STAT4767 and STAT4798. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	50	N	Prof K C Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)
STAT4766	Statistics internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics Majors. This capstone course is only for students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and is mutually exclusive with STAT4710. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.	Y	Y	1, 2, S	No exam	---	Y	Dr E A L Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)

			Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.											
STAT4767	Actuarial science internship	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in BSc(Actuarial Science) programme including STAT3901; and This capstone course is only for BSc(Actuarial Science) students; and is mutually exclusive with STAT4711. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	---	Y	Dr E A L Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)
STAT4798	Statistics and actuarial science project	6	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in BSc(Actuarial Science) programme including STAT3902 and STAT3907; and Pass or already enrolled in at least one of the following courses: STAT3911, STAT4602, STAT4904; and This capstone course is only for BSc(Actuarial Science) students; and subject to the consent of course coordinator. This course is mutually exclusive with STAT4711. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1, 2	No exam	50	N	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)
STAT4799	Statistics project	12	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics Majors including STAT3600; and Pass or already enrolled in at least one of the following courses: STAT3612, STAT3911, STAT4601, STAT4602; and Not for students who have already enrolled in STAT3799 in this academic year. This capstone course is only for students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and subject to the consent of course coordinator. This course is mutually exclusive with STAT4710. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	0	No exam	50	N	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				Major in Decision Analytics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Risk Management (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Major in Statistics (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)
STAT4901	Risk theory II	6	Pass in STAT3906 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4902	Selected topics in actuarial science	6	Pass in STAT3906 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	Y	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4903	Actuarial techniques for general insurance	6	Pass in STAT3906, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Dr D Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)		BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018); Minor in Actuarial Studies (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)		
STAT4904	Statistical learning for risk modelling	6	Pass in STAT3907 or STAT3600; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3612, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Dr A Lo, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	BSc in Actuarial Science (2024,2023,2022,2021, 2020,2019,2018)			

			Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.											
STAT7609	Research methods in statistics	6	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	1	Dec	---	N	Prof K Zhu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT7610	Advanced probability	6	Pass in STAT3603 or STAT3903 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	Y	Y	2	May	---	N	Prof M Hofert, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT7611	Computational statistics	6	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT7614	Advanced statistical modelling	6	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	Prof C Wang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
STAT7615	Advanced quantitative risk management and finance	6	Pass in STAT4608 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	N	N	---	---	---	N	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)				
Common Core Courses														
CCAI5001	Artificial Intelligence: Utopia or Dystopia?	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	No exam	120	N	Prof R K W Lui, Faculty				
CCCH9052	Arts, Science and Artifacts in Chinese Cultural Heritage	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Prof Q A Parker, Physics				
CCGL9016	Feeding the World	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Dr G V Akom, Faculty				
CCGL9059	Water in a Changing World	6		Y	Y	2	No exam	120	N	Dr G V Akom				
CCST5037	Mathematics: A Cultural Heritage	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Prof B R Kane, Mathematics				
CCST9012	Our Place in the Universe	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	May	120	N	Dr T D Wotherspoon, Faculty				
CCST9013	Our Living Environment	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Dr H M C Cheung, Earth Sciences				
CCST9014	Science and Music	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	No exam	120	N	Prof T T Luu, Physics				
CCST9017	Hidden Order in Daily Life: A Mathematical Perspective	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Prof T W Ng, Mathematics				
CCST9018	Origin and Evolution of Life	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	No exam	120	N	Prof K H Lemke, Earth Sciences				
CCST9022	How the Mass Media Depicts Science, Technology and the Natural World	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Prof H F Chau, Physics				
CCST9023	The Oceans: Science and Society	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	No exam	120	N	Dr C Not, Earth Sciences				
CCST9026	Scientific Revolutions: Their Continuing Impact on Our World and Society	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Prof Q A Parker, Physics				
CCST9030	Forensic Science: Unmasking Evidence, Mysteries and Crimes	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Prof Z X Guo, Faculty				
CCST9045	The Science and Lore of Culinary Culture	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	No exam	120	Y	Dr A M Y Yuen, Chemistry				
CCST9051	What are We Made of - the Fundamental Nature of Matter	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	N	Dr J C S Pun, Physics				
CCST9054	War, Peace, and the Natural World	6	NIL	Y	Y	S	No exam	70	Y	Prof D M Baker, Biological Sciences				
CCST9056	The Force is with You: How Things Work	6	NIL	Y	Y	1	No exam	120	Y	Prof F C C Ling, Physics				
CCST9088	Cosmic Frontiers: How Discoveries are Made and their Scientific Impact	6	NIL	Y	Y	2	No exam	120	N	Prof J J L Lim, Physics				

SECTION V

Equivalency of HKDSE and other qualifications

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Table of Equivalence between HKDSE and Other Qualifications

HKDSE	Grade	Equivalent Qualification to HKDSE				
		IB	**GCE**	**SATII**	**AP**	**Gao Kao (高考)**
Biology	3 or above	Biology (SL/HL)	Biology (AL)	Biology	Biology	Equivalent to fulfillment of all HKDSE requirements
Chemistry	3 or above	Chemistry (SL/HL)	Chemistry (AL)	Chemistry	Chemistry	
Physics	3 or above	Physics (SL/HL)	Physics (AL)	Physics	Physics B or C	
Mathematics	2 or above	Mathematics: analysis and approaches/ applications and interpretation (SL)	Mathematics (AL)	Mathematics Level 1 or 2		
Mathematics + (M1 or M2)	2 or above	Mathematics: analysis and approaches/ applications and interpretation (HL)	Pure Mathematics (AL) Further Mathematics (AL)		Calculus AB or BC	

Note:
HL: Higher Level
SL: Standard Level
AL: Advanced Level

Remarks:

For science students admitted through non-JUPAS scheme, the equivalent subject qualification(s) to HKDSE, if possessed, can be identified by the SIS for on-line course selection.*

(Applicable to BSc, BSc&MRes, BSc&LLB, BSc(ActuarSc) (admitted in 2024-25 or before), and BASc(AppliedAI) (admitted in 2024-25 or before).*

For any non-science students admitted through non-JUPAS scheme, they are still required to obtain the approval from the Course Selection Adviser (or designated Course Approver) of the course offering department/school via Science Online Application Submission System (OASS) https://webapp.science.hku.hk/intranet/OnlineFormUG.html even they have possessed the equivalent HKDSE subject qualification(s) to meet the course prerequisite requirement. Once approval is given, they need to forward it to their home faculties to add the course on-line.

SECTION VI

Science Majors 2025-2026

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SECTION VI Science Majors on offer in 2025/2026

Majors offered by Science Faculty

Majors

Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Biological Sciences (Intensive) *(for BSc students only)*
Chemistry
Chemistry (Intensive) *(for BSc students only)*
Decision Analytics *(not for BASc(AppliedAI) students) (only for 2024 cohort or before)*
Earth System Science
Ecology & Biodiversity
Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) *(for BSc students only)*
Environmental Science
Food & Nutritional Science
Geology
Geology (Intensive) *(for BSc students only)*
Mathematics
Mathematics (Intensive) *(for BSc students only)*
Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) *(for BSc students only)*
Physics
Physics (Intensive) *(for BSc students only)*
Risk Management *(only for 2024 cohort or before)*
Statistics *(only for 2024 cohort or before)*

Major Title	Major in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Major in Biochemistry aims to provide students with both basic and advanced knowledge in contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize equipping students with a general understanding of the fundamental ideas, principles and theories of biochemistry with particular focus on the relevance of biochemistry, molecular biology and genomics to biology, human health and disease. Elective courses extend this core knowledge to provide students with specialized insight into both basic and applied scientific endeavour in biochemistry, bioinformatics, molecular biology and molecular genetics. Throughout the curriculum there is an emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory practicals, problem-solving exercises, group-based learning, industrial experience, overseas exchange and research-based projects. These experiences are designed to develop students' ability to read and interpret scientific data, to integrate knowledge with wider scientific theory, and to improve logical thinking and communication skills. The ultimate goal is to provide a comprehensive degree-level biochemistry education that equips students with the critical thinking, communication and analytical skills essential for them to play a leading role in society in the future.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the principles of biomolecular structure, metabolism, molecular interactions, molecular processes and their regulation, genetics and systems biology critical to contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology (by means of coursework and experiential learning)

PLO 2 : apply biochemical, bioinformatics and molecular genetics technologies for new observations, measurements and analyses; and to design experiments that bring discovery and insight into the unknown (by means of laboratory-based and research project-based learning)

PLO 3 : interpret and communicate scientific data and literature using appropriate scientific language (by means of literature-based coursework and debate)

PLO 4 : work effectively as a team and synergize with their colleagues in a supportive manner (by means of group-based learning and by group-based problem solving)

PLO 5 : recognize the interconnections of biochemistry with other disciplines in science, medicine and engineering, humanities and ethics, which are relevant for diverse working environment in the society (by means of multidisciplinary-based research projects, internship and debate)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Biochemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

BIOC1600	Perspectives in biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*Take either BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
BIOC3604	Essential techniques in biochemistry and molecular biology (6)
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOC4610	Advanced biochemistry (6)
BIOC4613	Advanced techniques in biochemistry & molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3605	Sequence bioinformatics (6)
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)
BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)

CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
BIOC4612	Molecular biology of the gene (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3999	Directed studies in biochemistry (6)
BIOC4966	Biochemistry internship (6)
BIOC4999	Biochemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Biochemistry aims to provide students with both basic and advanced knowledge in contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize equipping students with a general understanding of the fundamental ideas, principles and theories of biochemistry with particular focus on the relevance of biochemistry, molecular biology and genomics to biology, human health and disease. Elective courses extend this core knowledge to provide students with specialized insight into both basic and applied scientific endeavour in biochemistry, bioinformatics, molecular biology and molecular genetics. Throughout the curriculum there is an emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory practicals, problem-solving exercises, group-based learning, industrial experience, overseas exchange and research-based projects. These experiences are designed to develop students' ability to read and interpret scientific data, to integrate knowledge with wider scientific theory, and to improve logical thinking and communication skills. The ultimate goal is to provide a comprehensive degree-level biochemistry education that equips students with the critical thinking, communication and analytical skills essential for them to play a leading role in society in the future.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the principles of biomolecular structure, metabolism, molecular interactions, molecular processes and their regulation, genetics and systems biology critical to contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology (by means of coursework and experiential learning)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Biochemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
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Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

BIOC1600	Perspectives in biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*Take either BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

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BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
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BIOC4613	Advanced techniques in biochemistry & molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

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BIOC4612	Molecular biology of the gene (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3999	Directed studies in biochemistry (6)
BIOC4966	Biochemistry internship (6)
BIOC4999	Biochemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

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4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Major in Biochemistry aims to provide students with both basic and advanced knowledge in contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize equipping students with a general understanding of the fundamental ideas, principles and theories of biochemistry with particular focus on the relevance of biochemistry, molecular biology and genomics to biology, human health and disease. Elective courses extend this core knowledge to provide students with specialized insight into both basic and applied scientific endeavour in biochemistry, bioinformatics, molecular biology and molecular genetics. Throughout the curriculum there is an emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory practicals, problem-solving exercises, group-based learning, industrial experience, overseas exchange and research-based projects. These experiences are designed to develop students' ability to read and interpret scientific data, to integrate knowledge with wider scientific theory, and to improve logical thinking and communication skills. The ultimate goal is to provide a comprehensive degree-level biochemistry education that equips students with the critical thinking, communication and analytical skills essential for them to play a leading role in society in the future.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the principles of biomolecular structure, metabolism, molecular interactions, molecular processes and their regulation, genetics and systems biology critical to contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology (by means of coursework and experiential learning)

PLO 2 : apply biochemical, bioinformatics and molecular genetics technologies for new observations, measurements and analyses; and to design experiments that bring discovery and insight into the unknown (by means of laboratory-based and research project-based learning)

PLO 3 : interpret and communicate scientific data and literature using appropriate scientific language (by means of literature-based coursework and debate)

PLO 4 : work effectively as a team and synergize with their colleagues in a supportive manner (by means of group-based learning and by group-based problem solving)

PLO 5 : recognize the interconnections of biochemistry with other disciplines in science, medicine and engineering, humanities and ethics, which are relevant for diverse working environment in the society (by means of multidisciplinary-based research projects, internship and debate)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Biochemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

BIOC1600	Perspectives in biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*Take either BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
BIOC3604	Essential techniques in biochemistry and molecular biology (6)
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOC4610	Advanced biochemistry (6)
BIOC4613	Advanced techniques in biochemistry & molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3605	Sequence bioinformatics (6)
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)
BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)

CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
BIOC4612	Molecular biology of the gene (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3999	Directed studies in biochemistry (6)
BIOC4966	Biochemistry internship (6)
BIOC4999	Biochemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Major in Biochemistry aims to provide students with both basic and advanced knowledge in contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize equipping students with a general understanding of the fundamental ideas, principles and theories of biochemistry with particular focus on the relevance of biochemistry, molecular biology and genomics to biology, human health and disease. Elective courses extend this core knowledge to provide students with specialized insight into both basic and applied scientific endeavour in biochemistry, bioinformatics, molecular biology and molecular genetics. Throughout the curriculum there is an emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory practicals, problem-solving exercises, group-based learning, industrial experience, overseas exchange and research-based projects. These experiences are designed to develop students' ability to read and interpret scientific data, to integrate knowledge with wider scientific theory, and to improve logical thinking and communication skills. The ultimate goal is to provide a comprehensive degree-level biochemistry education that equips students with the critical thinking, communication and analytical skills essential for them to play a leading role in society in the future.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the principles of biomolecular structure, metabolism, molecular interactions, molecular processes and their regulation, genetics and systems biology critical to contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology (by means of coursework and experiential learning)

PLO 2 : apply biochemical, bioinformatics and molecular genetics technologies for new observations, measurements and analyses; and to design experiments that bring discovery and insight into the unknown (by means of laboratory-based and research project-based learning)

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PLO 4 : work effectively as a team and synergize with their colleagues in a supportive manner (by means of group-based learning and by group-based problem solving)

PLO 5 : recognize the interconnections of biochemistry with other disciplines in science, medicine and engineering, humanities and ethics, which are relevant for diverse working environment in the society (by means of multidisciplinary-based research projects, internship and debate)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Biochemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
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Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
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CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

BIOC1600	Perspectives in biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*Take either BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
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Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

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CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3999	Directed studies in biochemistry (6)
BIOC4966	Biochemistry internship (6)
BIOC4999	Biochemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Major in Biochemistry aims to provide students with both basic and advanced knowledge in contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize equipping students with a general understanding of the fundamental ideas, principles and theories of biochemistry with particular focus on the relevance of biochemistry, molecular biology and genomics to biology, human health and disease. Elective courses extend this core knowledge to provide students with specialized insight into both basic and applied scientific endeavour in biochemistry, bioinformatics, molecular biology and molecular genetics. Throughout the curriculum there is an emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory practicals, problem-solving exercises, group-based learning, industrial experience, overseas exchange and research-based projects. These experiences are designed to develop students' ability to read and interpret scientific data, to integrate knowledge with wider scientific theory, and to improve logical thinking and communication skills. The ultimate goal is to provide a comprehensive degree-level biochemistry education that equips students with the critical thinking, communication and analytical skills essential for them to play a leading role in society in the future.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the principles of biomolecular structure, metabolism, molecular interactions, molecular processes and their regulation, genetics and systems biology critical to contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology (by means of coursework and experiential learning)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Biochemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

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2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3999	Directed studies in biochemistry (6)
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Notes:

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4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Biochemistry aims to provide students with both basic and advanced knowledge in contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize equipping students with a general understanding of the fundamental ideas, principles and theories of biochemistry with particular focus on the relevance of biochemistry, molecular biology and genomics to biology, human health and disease. Elective courses extend this core knowledge to provide students with specialized insight into both basic and applied scientific endeavour in biochemistry, bioinformatics, molecular biology and molecular genetics. Throughout the curriculum there is an emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory practicals, problem-solving exercises, group-based learning, industrial experience, overseas exchange and research-based projects. These experiences are designed to develop students' ability to read and interpret scientific data, to integrate knowledge with wider scientific theory, and to improve logical thinking and communication skills. The ultimate goal is to provide a comprehensive degree-level biochemistry education that equips students with the critical thinking, communication and analytical skills essential for them to play a leading role in society in the future.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the principles of biomolecular structure, metabolism, molecular interactions, molecular processes and their regulation, genetics and systems biology critical to contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology (by means of coursework and experiential learning)

PLO 2 : apply biochemical, bioinformatics and molecular genetics technologies for new observations, measurements and analyses; and to design experiments that bring discovery and insight into the unknown (by means of laboratory-based and research project-based learning)

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PLO 5 : recognize the interconnections of biochemistry with other disciplines in science, medicine and engineering, humanities and ethics, which are relevant for diverse working environment in the society (by means of multidisciplinary-based research projects, internship and debate)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Biochemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
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Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

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BIOC3605	Sequence bioinformatics (6)
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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3999	Directed studies in biochemistry (6)
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Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

5. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

This Major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in modern biology. Students are guided in an inquiry-driven learning environment to appreciate the major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The programme is highly flexible as students can select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology) and will undertake experiential learning activities. The diverse learning experience exposes students to problem-based learning, and an exciting array of laboratory and field techniques. Students will also be able to acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major applies modern scientific inquiry to prepare graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and explain the key concepts in genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative biological data to provide scientifically based conclusions and/or judgements (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : tackle biological research problems by formulating hypothesis and designing experimental investigations (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : communicate effectively and professionally with scientists, educators, media, and general public in oral and written forms (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning, and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (at least 42 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (42 credits)

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 12 credits selected from area A)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 12 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)

(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 18 credits with 6 credits from each of List I, II & III)

List I

BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)

List II

BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3414	Plant stress biology and climate change (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)

List III

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3994	Directed studies in biological sciences (6)
BIOL4964	Biological sciences internship (6)
BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)

Notes:

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3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

This Major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in modern biology. Students are guided in an inquiry-driven learning environment to appreciate the major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The programme is highly flexible as students can select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology) and will undertake experiential learning activities. The diverse learning experience exposes students to problem-based learning, and an exciting array of laboratory and field techniques. Students will also be able to acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major applies modern scientific inquiry to prepare graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and explain the key concepts in genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative biological data to provide scientifically based conclusions and/or judgements (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

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BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
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BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	
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2. Advanced level courses (at least 42 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (42 credits)

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BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
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BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
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(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 12 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
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Notes:

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Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

This Major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in modern biology. Students are guided in an inquiry-driven learning environment to appreciate the major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The programme is highly flexible as students can select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology) and will undertake experiential learning activities. The diverse learning experience exposes students to problem-based learning, and an exciting array of laboratory and field techniques. Students will also be able to acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major applies modern scientific inquiry to prepare graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study.

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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

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BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
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BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*

BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)	
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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

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BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*

BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)	
List II		
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
List III		
BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	*[previous title: Environmental microbiology (6)]*
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3994	Directed studies in biological sciences (6)
BIOL4964	Biological sciences internship (6)
BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

This Major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in modern biology. Students are guided in an inquiry-driven learning environment to appreciate the major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The programme is highly flexible as students can select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology) and will undertake experiential learning activities. The diverse learning experience exposes students to problem-based learning, and an exciting array of laboratory and field techniques. Students will also be able to acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major applies modern scientific inquiry to prepare graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and explain the key concepts in genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative biological data to provide scientifically based conclusions and/or judgements (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : tackle biological research problems by formulating hypothesis and designing experimental investigations (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : communicate effectively and professionally with scientists, educators, media, and general public in oral and written forms (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning, and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (at least 42 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (42 credits)

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 12 credits selected from area A)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 12 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)

(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 18 credits with 6 credits from each of List I, II & III)

List I

BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*

BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)	
List II		
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
List III		
BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	*[previous title: Environmental microbiology (6)]*
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3994	Directed studies in biological sciences (6)
BIOL4964	Biological sciences internship (6)
BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

This Major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in modern biology. Students are guided in an inquiry-driven learning environment to appreciate the major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The programme is highly flexible as students can select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology) and will undertake experiential learning activities. The diverse learning experience exposes students to problem-based learning, and an exciting array of laboratory and field techniques. Students will also be able to acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major applies modern scientific inquiry to prepare graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand concepts underpinning advances in genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : evaluate diverse threads of enquiry in science, and identify the value of datasets and written output (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : interpret scientific data from a range of sources and explain trends observed (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : demonstrate independent and critical thinking and appreciate moral and ethical issues related to biological sciences (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate in a professional capacity with educators, business, media and the scientific community (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : be prepared to enter employment as professional scientists, educators and managers (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, laboratory-based, project-based and capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (at least 42 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (42 credits)

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 12 credits selected from area A)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 12 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)

(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 18 credits with 6 credits from each of List I, II & III)

List I

BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)

BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)	
List II		
BIOL3107	Plant physiology (6)	*Take either BIOL3107 or ENVS3202 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List II, but not both. BIOL3107 and ENVS3202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*Take either BIOL3107 or ENVS3202 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List II, but not both. BIOL3107 and ENVS3202 are mutually exclusive. [previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
List III		
BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	*[previous title: Environmental microbiology (6)]*
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3994	Directed studies in biological sciences (6)
BIOL4964	Biological sciences internship (6)
BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

This major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in conventional and modern biology. Students are guided in a stimulating learning environment to explore major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The curriculum allows students to select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology). Students are engaged in scientific learning through a wide range of laboratory and field work. They will acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major prepares graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study. The intensive major includes additional coursework and a compulsory capstone research project. It is designed for students with a strong desire to acquire knowledge with sufficient depth and breadth in biological sciences.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, for the purpose of meeting in part the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol).

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and explain the key concepts in genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology, and to appraise the related ethical and moral issues (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : equip with sufficient knowledge in chemistry for application within a biological context (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative biological data to provide scientifically based conclusions and/or judgements (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : tackle biological research problems by formulating hypothesis and designing experimental investigations (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate effectively and professionally with scientists, educators, media, and general public in oral and written forms (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning, and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (72 credits with at least 18 credits of Level 4XXX courses))

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 12 credits selected from area A)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 12 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)

BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 18 credits with 6 credits from each of List I, II & III)

List I

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)

List II

BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3414	Plant stress biology and climate change (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)

List III

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Biological Sciences Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

4. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

This major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in conventional and modern biology. Students are guided in a stimulating learning environment to explore major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The curriculum allows students to select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology). Students are engaged in scientific learning through a wide range of laboratory and field work. They will acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major prepares graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study. The intensive major includes additional coursework and a compulsory capstone research project. It is designed for students with a strong desire to acquire knowledge with sufficient depth and breadth in biological sciences.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, for the purpose of meeting in part the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol).

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and explain the key concepts in genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology, and to appraise the related ethical and moral issues (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : equip with sufficient knowledge in chemistry for application within a biological context (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative biological data to provide scientifically based conclusions and/or judgements (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : tackle biological research problems by formulating hypothesis and designing experimental investigations (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate effectively and professionally with scientists, educators, media, and general public in oral and written forms (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning, and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (72 credits with at least 18 credits of Level 4XXX courses))

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 12 credits selected from area A)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 12 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)

BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)	
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	

(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 18 credits with 6 credits from each of List I, II & III)

List I		
BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)	
BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)	
List II		
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)	
BIOL3414	Plant stress biology and climate change (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
List III		
BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)

Notes:

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3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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4. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

This major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in conventional and modern biology. Students are guided in a stimulating learning environment to explore major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The curriculum allows students to select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology). Students are engaged in scientific learning through a wide range of laboratory and field work. They will acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major prepares graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study. The intensive major includes additional coursework and a compulsory capstone research project. It is designed for students with a strong desire to acquire knowledge with sufficient depth and breadth in biological sciences.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, for the purpose of meeting in part the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol).

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and explain the key concepts in genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology, and to appraise the related ethical and moral issues (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
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Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
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Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
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CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
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2. Advanced level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (72 credits with at least 18 credits of Level 4XXX courses))

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 12 credits selected from area A)

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BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 12 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)

BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)	
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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

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BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)

BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
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(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 18 credits with 6 credits from each of List I, II & III)

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BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)	
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BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	
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3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)	

Notes:

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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

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2. Advanced level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (72 credits with at least 18 credits of Level 4XXX courses))

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BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)	
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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

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BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
List III		
BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	*[previous title: Environmental microbiology (6)]*
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Biological Sciences Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

This major is designed for students seeking a broad-based training in conventional and modern biology. Students are guided in a stimulating learning environment to explore major biological systems at different levels of biological organization. Teaching emphasizes both core concepts and applied aspects in biological sciences. The curriculum allows students to select courses according to their own interests from a wide spectrum of elective courses. At the advanced level, students are further exposed to three fundamental areas of biological sciences (genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology). Students are engaged in scientific learning through a wide range of laboratory and field work. They will acquire valuable transferable skills in analysis, organization and communication. The Biological Sciences Major prepares graduates for employment as professionals in a variety of careers or for postgraduate study. The intensive major includes additional coursework and a compulsory capstone research project. It is designed for students with a strong desire to acquire knowledge with sufficient depth and breadth in biological sciences.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, for the purpose of meeting in part the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol).

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and explain the key concepts in genetics, molecular & cell biology; ecology, systematics and evolution; physiology and organismic biology, and to appraise the related ethical and moral issues (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : equip with sufficient knowledge in chemistry for application within a biological context (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative biological data to provide scientifically based conclusions and/or judgements (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : tackle biological research problems by formulating hypothesis and designing experimental investigations (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate effectively and professionally with scientists, educators, media, and general public in oral and written forms (by means of coursework, laboratory- and/or research-based learning, and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (72 credits with at least 18 credits of Level 4XXX courses)

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 12 credits selected from area A)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 12 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)	
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)	
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	

(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 18 credits with 6 credits from each of List I, II & III)

List I		
BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List I, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3503	Endocrinology: human physiology II (6)	
List II		
BIOL3107	Plant physiology (6)	*Take either BIOL3107 or ENVS3202 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List II, but not both. BIOL3107 and ENVS3202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*Take either BIOL3107 or ENVS3202 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement in List II, but not both. BIOL3107 and ENVS3202 are mutually exclusive. [previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
List III		
BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	*[previous title: Environmental microbiology (6)]*
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4994	Biological sciences project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Biological Sciences Major (96 credits) curriculum.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a solid training in major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. A wide selection of elective courses in chemical biology, chemical analysis, computational chemistry, environmental chemistry, industrial chemistry, interfacial science, material, and medicinal chemistry, is also available to provide students with knowledge and training to help them meet the dynamic and ever-changing challenges in science and technology. Graduates of the Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences that are crucial for their future careers in a knowledge-based economy. It is expected that our graduates will be able to meet local and regional requirements in the industrial, commercial, government or education sectors and will become future leaders of these sectors.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 100 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for student internship opportunities, directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories, or any other relevant capstone experience in chemistry)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (30 credits)

CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits of any level 4 Chemistry (CHEM4XXX) courses. The current list include courses in List A.

List A

CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)

CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a solid training in major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. A wide selection of elective courses in chemical biology, chemical analysis, computational chemistry, environmental chemistry, industrial chemistry, interfacial science, material, and medicinal chemistry, is also available to provide students with knowledge and training to help them meet the dynamic and ever-changing challenges in science and technology. Graduates of the Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences that are crucial for their future careers in a knowledge-based economy. It is expected that our graduates will be able to meet local and regional requirements in the industrial, commercial, government or education sectors and will become future leaders of these sectors.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 100 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for student internship opportunities, directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories, or any other relevant capstone experience in chemistry)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)
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CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (30 credits)

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CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits of any level 4 Chemistry (CHEM4XXX) courses. The current list include courses in List A.

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CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

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CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
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Notes:

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6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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Major Title	Major in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

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CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits of any level 4 Chemistry (CHEM4XXX) courses. The current list include courses in List A.

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CHEM4143	Interfacial science and technology (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*[previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	

CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

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4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a solid training in major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. A wide selection of elective courses in chemical biology, chemical analysis, computational chemistry, environmental chemistry, industrial chemistry, interfacial science, material, and medicinal chemistry, is also available to provide students with knowledge and training to help them meet the dynamic and ever-changing challenges in science and technology. Graduates of the Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences that are crucial for their future careers in a knowledge-based economy. It is expected that our graduates will be able to meet local and regional requirements in the industrial, commercial, government or education sectors and will become future leaders of these sectors.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 100 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for student internship opportunities, directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories, or any other relevant capstone experience in chemistry)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (30 credits)

CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits of any level 4 Chemistry (CHEM4XXX) courses. The current list include courses in List A.

List A

CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
CHEM4143	Interfacial science and technology (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*[previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	

CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a solid training in major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. A wide selection of elective courses in chemical biology, chemical analysis, computational chemistry, environmental chemistry, industrial chemistry, interfacial science, material, and medicinal chemistry, is also available to provide students with knowledge and training to help them meet the dynamic and ever-changing challenges in science and technology. Graduates of the Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences that are crucial for their future careers in a knowledge-based economy. It is expected that our graduates will be able to meet local and regional requirements in the industrial, commercial, government or education sectors and will become future leaders of these sectors.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 100 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for student internship opportunities, directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories, or any other relevant capstone experience in chemistry)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (30 credits)

CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits of any level 4 Chemistry (CHEM4XXX) courses. The current list include courses in List A.

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CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
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CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*[previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	

CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a solid training in major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. A wide selection of elective courses in chemical biology, chemical analysis, computational chemistry, environmental chemistry, industrial chemistry, interfacial science, material, and medicinal chemistry, is also available to provide students with knowledge and training to help them meet the dynamic and ever-changing challenges in science and technology. Graduates of the Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences that are crucial for their future careers in a knowledge-based economy. It is expected that our graduates will be able to meet local and regional requirements in the industrial, commercial, government or education sectors and will become future leaders of these sectors.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 100 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for student internship opportunities, directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories, or any other relevant capstone experience in chemistry)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (30 credits)

CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits of any level 4 Chemistry (CHEM4XXX) courses. The current list include courses in List A.

List A

CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
CHEM4143	Interfacial science and technology (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*[previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	

CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a solid training in major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. A wide selection of elective courses in chemical biology, chemical analysis, computational chemistry, environmental chemistry, industrial chemistry, interfacial science, material, and medicinal chemistry, is also available to provide students with knowledge and training to help them meet the dynamic and ever-changing challenges in science and technology. Graduates of the Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences that are crucial for their future careers in a knowledge-based economy. It is expected that our graduates will be able to meet local and regional requirements in the industrial, commercial, government or education sectors and will become future leaders of these sectors.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 100 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for student internship opportunities, directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories, or any other relevant capstone experience in chemistry)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
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CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits of any level 4 Chemistry (CHEM4XXX) courses. The current list include courses in List A.

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CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*[previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	

CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

5. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a strong foundation on major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. The curriculum emphasizes comprehensive coverage in theoretical knowledge, laboratory skills, and research experience. A wide selection of elective courses is also available for student preparation to pursue learning in specializations such as chemical biology, computation chemistry, and materials. Graduates of the Intensive Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in chemistry and related disciplines and to pursue professional careers in scientific and technical fields.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 300 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for chemistry research project of no less than 24 weeks, or student internship opportunities plus directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

(Students are encouraged to meet with a Chemistry Course Selection Advisor in the course selection period to discuss which of the following courses they should take based on their previous background in Mathematics.)

CHEM1044	Mathematics in chemistry (6)
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
SDST1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)

2. Advanced level courses (78 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (66 credits)

CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory (6)	
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*

CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)	
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

(Note that one of the two elective courses selected must contain a laboratory component. Courses marked with (lab) have a laboratory component. The list of electives given below may be subject to change.)

CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)	
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Chemistry Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

3. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme. For students who have credit transfer from exchange studies, for example) a student took CHEM3A and CHEM3B in a host university during his/her exchange studies and these two courses have been approved by the Faculty of Science to be considered equivalent as CHEM3241 and CHEM3341, they will be considered taking those HKU-version courses and in the example shown here, the student is deemed to have taken CHEM3241 and CHEM3341 to fulfil the accredited curriculum.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a strong foundation on major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. The curriculum emphasizes comprehensive coverage in theoretical knowledge, laboratory skills, and research experience. A wide selection of elective courses is also available for student preparation to pursue learning in specializations such as chemical biology, computation chemistry, and materials. Graduates of the Intensive Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in chemistry and related disciplines and to pursue professional careers in scientific and technical fields.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 300 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for chemistry research project of no less than 24 weeks, or student internship opportunities plus directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

(Students are encouraged to meet with a Chemistry Course Selection Advisor in the course selection period to discuss which of the following courses they should take based on their previous background in Mathematics.)

CHEM1044	Mathematics in chemistry (6)
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)

2. Advanced level courses (78 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (66 credits)

CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory (6)	
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*

CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)	
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

(Note that one of the two elective courses selected must contain a laboratory component. Courses marked with (lab) have a laboratory component. The list of electives given below may be subject to change.)

CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)	
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Chemistry Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

3. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme. For students who have credit transfer from exchange studies, for example) a student took CHEM3A and CHEM3B in a host university during his/her exchange studies and these two courses have been approved by the Faculty of Science to be considered equivalent as CHEM3241 and CHEM3341, they will be considered taking those HKU-version courses and in the example shown here, the student is deemed to have taken CHEM3241 and CHEM3341 to fulfil the accredited curriculum.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
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- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a strong foundation on major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. The curriculum emphasizes comprehensive coverage in theoretical knowledge, laboratory skills, and research experience. A wide selection of elective courses is also available for student preparation to pursue learning in specializations such as chemical biology, computation chemistry, and materials. Graduates of the Intensive Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in chemistry and related disciplines and to pursue professional careers in scientific and technical fields.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
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Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

(Students are encouraged to meet with a Chemistry Course Selection Advisor in the course selection period to discuss which of the following courses they should take based on their previous background in Mathematics.)

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MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
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2. Advanced level courses (78 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (66 credits)

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CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)	
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*(lab) [previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)	
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)	
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)	*(lab)*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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Notes:

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 credits)

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Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

(Students are encouraged to meet with a Chemistry Course Selection Advisor in the course selection period to discuss which of the following courses they should take based on their previous background in Mathematics.)

CHEM1044	Mathematics in chemistry (6)	
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)	
STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	*Take either STAT1600 or STAT1601 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both. STAT1600 and STAT1601 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)	*Take either STAT1600 or STAT1603 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both. STAT1600 and STAT1603 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (78 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (66 credits)

CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry (6)

CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory (6)	
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)	
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*(lab) [previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)	
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)	
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)	*(lab)*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Chemistry Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

3. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme. For students who have credit transfer from exchange studies, for example) a student took CHEM3A and CHEM3B in a host university during his/her exchange studies and these two courses have been approved by the Faculty of Science to be considered equivalent as CHEM3241 and CHEM3341, they will be considered taking those HKU-version courses and in the example shown here, the student is deemed to have taken CHEM3241 and CHEM3341 to fulfil the accredited curriculum.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a strong foundation on major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. The curriculum emphasizes comprehensive coverage in theoretical knowledge, laboratory skills, and research experience. A wide selection of elective courses is also available for student preparation to pursue learning in specializations such as chemical biology, computation chemistry, and materials. Graduates of the Intensive Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in chemistry and related disciplines and to pursue professional careers in scientific and technical fields.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 300 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for chemistry research project of no less than 24 weeks, or student internship opportunities plus directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

(Students are encouraged to meet with a Chemistry Course Selection Advisor in the course selection period to discuss which of the following courses they should take based on their previous background in Mathematics.)

CHEM1044	Mathematics in chemistry (6)	
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)	
STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	*Take either STAT1600 or STAT1601 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both. STAT1600 and STAT1601 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)	*Take either STAT1600 or STAT1603 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both. STAT1600 and STAT1603 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (78 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (66 credits)

CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry (6)

CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory (6)	
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)	
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

(Note that one of the two elective courses selected must contain a laboratory component. Courses marked with (lab) have a laboratory component. The list of electives given below may be subject to change.)

CHEM4143	Interfacial science and technology (6)	
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*(lab) [previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)	
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)	
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)	*(lab)*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Chemistry Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

3. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme. For students who have credit transfer from exchange studies, for example) a student took CHEM3A and CHEM3B in a host university during his/her exchange studies and these two courses have been approved by the Faculty of Science to be considered equivalent as CHEM3241 and CHEM3341, they will be considered taking those HKU-version courses and in the example shown here, the student is deemed to have taken CHEM3241 and CHEM3341 to fulfil the accredited curriculum.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a strong foundation on major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. The curriculum emphasizes comprehensive coverage in theoretical knowledge, laboratory skills, and research experience. A wide selection of elective courses is also available for student preparation to pursue learning in specializations such as chemical biology, computation chemistry, and materials. Graduates of the Intensive Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in chemistry and related disciplines and to pursue professional careers in scientific and technical fields.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have developed an awareness & understanding of scientific and ethical issues where chemistry relates to other disciplines, and an appreciation of the impact of chemistry in the modern world (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have substantially developed advanced experimental skills including chemical synthesis, analysis & operation of modern instrumentation, and data analysis skills with the ability to interpret experimental information & infer appropriate conclusions (by requiring of no less than 300 hours of laboratory classes in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking, creativity & effective written & oral communication skills, and to co-operate with other people & participate as an effective team member (by means of coursework, laboratory-based learning, group project & presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for chemistry research project of no less than 24 weeks, or student internship opportunities plus directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

(Students are encouraged to meet with a Chemistry Course Selection Advisor in the course selection period to discuss which of the following courses they should take based on their previous background in Mathematics.)

CHEM1044	Mathematics in chemistry (6)	
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)	
STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	*Take either STAT1600 or STAT1601 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both. STAT1600 and STAT1601 are mutually exclusive.*
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2. Advanced level courses (78 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (66 credits)

CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry (6)

CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
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CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory (6)	
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)	
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

(Note that one of the two elective courses selected must contain a laboratory component. Courses marked with (lab) have a laboratory component. The list of electives given below may be subject to change.)

CHEM4143	Interfacial science and technology (6)	
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*(lab) [previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)	
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)	
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)	*(lab)*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Chemistry Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

3. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme. For students who have credit transfer from exchange studies, for example) a student took CHEM3A and CHEM3B in a host university during his/her exchange studies and these two courses have been approved by the Faculty of Science to be considered equivalent as CHEM3241 and CHEM3341, they will be considered taking those HKU-version courses and in the example shown here, the student is deemed to have taken CHEM3241 and CHEM3341 to fulfil the accredited curriculum.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Chemistry (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Chemistry aims to provide students with a strong foundation on major areas of chemistry. The curriculum includes core courses covering topics in physical, inorganic, organic, and analytical chemistry. The curriculum emphasizes comprehensive coverage in theoretical knowledge, laboratory skills, and research experience. A wide selection of elective courses is also available for student preparation to pursue learning in specializations such as chemical biology, computation chemistry, and materials. Graduates of the Intensive Chemistry Major programme will be proficient in the principles and experimental skills of chemistry. The programme will also equip students with transferable skills in both theoretical and experimental investigations in sciences. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in chemistry and related disciplines and to pursue professional careers in scientific and technical fields.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate an understanding across a wide range of topics in chemistry, from basic areas such as analytical, inorganic, organic & physical chemistry, to advanced topics related to current research in chemistry (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : demonstrate an in-depth understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles with the ability to apply that knowledge to the solution of theoretical & practical problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and/or research-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 6 : gain experience in working in the real-life industrial or research environment, and enhance their initiative, interpersonal skills, time management skills & project organization skills (by arrangement for chemistry research project of no less than 24 weeks, or student internship opportunities plus directed studies of no less than three weeks with chemistry-related companies or research laboratories)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Minor in Chemistry

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
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CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	*(Note 1)*
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CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

(Students are encouraged to meet with a Chemistry Course Selection Advisor in the course selection period to discuss which of the following courses they should take based on their previous background in Mathematics.)

CHEM1044	Mathematics in chemistry (6)	
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)	
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2. Advanced level courses (78 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (66 credits)

CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry (6)

CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory (6)	
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)	
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

(Note that one of the two elective courses selected must contain a laboratory component. Courses marked with (lab) have a laboratory component. The list of electives given below may be subject to change.)

CHEM4143	Interfacial science and technology (6)	
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*(lab) [previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)	
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)	*(lab)*
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)	
CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)	*(lab)*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Chemistry Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

3. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme. For students who have credit transfer from exchange studies, for example) a student took CHEM3A and CHEM3B in a host university during his/her exchange studies and these two courses have been approved by the Faculty of Science to be considered equivalent as CHEM3241 and CHEM3341, they will be considered taking those HKU-version courses and in the example shown here, the student is deemed to have taken CHEM3241 and CHEM3341 to fulfil the accredited curriculum.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Decision Analytics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

Amidst an upsurge of digital data produced worldwide nowadays, the Major in Decision Analytics aims to equip students with the skills and expertise in leveraging and managing big data in real time, and provide them with solid training in making digitized information a strategic part of critical decision-making and resource allocation with greater clarity and accuracy. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize the fundamental concepts and methodologies of decision analytics which include but not limited to statistical analysis, data mining and data visualization, programming, data structuring, mathematical and statistical modelling and implementation of database systems. Elective courses focus on diverse and applied techniques of decision analytics in multidisciplinary fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the concepts of decision analytics and its underlying theory in relation to a broad range of related disciplinary academic or professional areas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : identify and adopt appropriate analytical techniques and tools to extract and classify critical information from structured or unstructured data (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : be proficient with the design and implementation of advanced modelling techniques and database management, and offer effective recommendations for analytic initiatives and solutions (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : evaluate the quality of information from different sources in support of critical decision making, process streamlining and the optimization of resources, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate to people effectively and efficiently with professionalism and accuracy using interactive and dynamic tools to translate technical information and present collaborative and strategic ideas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in decision analytics and confidence to solve real-life problems through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

BASc in Applied Artificial Intelligence
BEng in Computer Science
BEng in Data Science and Engineering
Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Computer Science
Minor in Computer Science
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
COMP2119	Introduction to data structures and algorithms (6)
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

COMP3278	Introduction to database management systems (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT4609	Big data analytics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP3250	Design and analysis of algorithms (6)
COMP3251	Algorithm design (6)
COMP3252	Algorithm design and analysis (6)
COMP3270	Artificial intelligence (6)
COMP3323	Advanced database systems (6)
COMP3407	Scientific computing (6)

STAT3010	Image processing and computer vision (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
STAT3622	Data visualization (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT4011	Natural language processing (6)
STAT4023	Medical image analysis (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Students may consider taking the following courses if they wish to pursue a more focused study in the following areas:

a. Biomedical Analytics
STAT3607 Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research
STAT3608 Statistical genetics
STAT3620 Modern nonparametric statistics
STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4023 Medical image analysis
STAT4602 Multivariate data analysis

b. Financial and Risk Analytics
STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4601 Time series analysis
Plus advanced level courses listed for the Major in Risk Management

c. Operational Analytics
COMP3250 Design and analysis of algorithms
MATH3901 Operations research I
MATH4902 Operations research II
STAT3606 Business logistics

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

5. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

6. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/useful-resources/handbooks (Student Handbook).

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
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8. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

9. It is recommended that students opt for COMP3251 Algorithm design instead of COMP3252 Algorithm design and analysis when selecting elective courses between COMP3251 and COMP3252.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Decision Analytics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

Amidst an upsurge of digital data produced worldwide nowadays, the Major in Decision Analytics aims to equip students with the skills and expertise in leveraging and managing big data in real time, and provide them with solid training in making digitized information a strategic part of critical decision-making and resource allocation with greater clarity and accuracy. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize the fundamental concepts and methodologies of decision analytics which include but not limited to statistical analysis, data mining and data visualization, programming, data structuring, mathematical and statistical modelling and implementation of database systems. Elective courses focus on diverse and applied techniques of decision analytics in multidisciplinary fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the concepts of decision analytics and its underlying theory in relation to a broad range of related disciplinary academic or professional areas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : identify and adopt appropriate analytical techniques and tools to extract and classify critical information from structured or unstructured data (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : be proficient with the design and implementation of advanced modelling techniques and database management, and offer effective recommendations for analytic initiatives and solutions (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : evaluate the quality of information from different sources in support of critical decision making, process streamlining and the optimization of resources, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate to people effectively and efficiently with professionalism and accuracy using interactive and dynamic tools to translate technical information and present collaborative and strategic ideas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in decision analytics and confidence to solve real-life problems through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

BASc in Applied Artificial Intelligence
BEng in Computer Science
BEng in Data Science and Engineering
Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Computer Science
Minor in Computer Science
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
COMP2119	Introduction to data structures and algorithms (6)
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

COMP3278	Introduction to database management systems (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT4609	Big data analytics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP3250	Design and analysis of algorithms (6)
COMP3251	Algorithm design (6)
COMP3252	Algorithm design and analysis (6)
COMP3270	Artificial intelligence (6)
COMP3323	Advanced database systems (6)
COMP3407	Scientific computing (6)

STAT3010	Image processing and computer vision (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
STAT3622	Data visualization (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT4011	Natural language processing (6)
STAT4023	Medical image analysis (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Students may consider taking the following courses if they wish to pursue a more focused study in the following areas:

a. Biomedical Analytics
STAT3607 Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research
STAT3608 Statistical genetics
STAT3620 Modern nonparametric statistics
STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4023 Medical image analysis
STAT4602 Multivariate data analysis

b. Financial and Risk Analytics
STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4601 Time series analysis
Plus advanced level courses listed for the Major in Risk Management

c. Operational Analytics
COMP3250 Design and analysis of algorithms
MATH3901 Operations research I
MATH4902 Operations research II
STAT3606 Business logistics

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

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5. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

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8. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
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9. It is recommended that students opt for COMP3251 Algorithm design instead of COMP3252 Algorithm design and analysis when selecting elective courses between COMP3251 and COMP3252.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Decision Analytics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

Amidst an upsurge of digital data produced worldwide nowadays, the Major in Decision Analytics aims to equip students with the skills and expertise in leveraging and managing big data in real time, and provide them with solid training in making digitized information a strategic part of critical decision-making and resource allocation with greater clarity and accuracy. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize the fundamental concepts and methodologies of decision analytics which include but not limited to statistical analysis, data mining and data visualization, programming, data structuring, mathematical and statistical modelling and implementation of database systems. Elective courses focus on diverse and applied techniques of decision analytics in multidisciplinary fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the concepts of decision analytics and its underlying theory in relation to a broad range of related disciplinary academic or professional areas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : identify and adopt appropriate analytical techniques and tools to extract and classify critical information from structured or unstructured data (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

BASc in Applied Artificial Intelligence
BEng in Computer Science
BEng in Data Science and Engineering
Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Computer Science
Minor in Computer Science
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
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MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

COMP3278	Introduction to database management systems (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT4609	Big data analytics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP3250	Design and analysis of algorithms (6)
COMP3251	Algorithm design (6)
COMP3252	Algorithm design and analysis (6)
COMP3270	Artificial intelligence (6)
COMP3323	Advanced database systems (6)
COMP3407	Scientific computing (6)

STAT3010	Image processing and computer vision (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
STAT3622	Data visualization (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT4011	Natural language processing (6)
STAT4023	Medical image analysis (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Students may consider taking the following courses if they wish to pursue a more focused study in the following areas:

a. Biomedical Analytics
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STAT3608 Statistical genetics
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STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4023 Medical image analysis
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b. Financial and Risk Analytics
STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4601 Time series analysis
Plus advanced level courses listed for the Major in Risk Management

c. Operational Analytics
COMP3250 Design and analysis of algorithms
MATH3901 Operations research I
MATH4902 Operations research II
STAT3606 Business logistics

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

5. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

6. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/useful-resources/handbooks (Student Handbook).

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

8. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

9. It is recommended that students opt for COMP3251 Algorithm design instead of COMP3252 Algorithm design and analysis when selecting elective courses between COMP3251 and COMP3252.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Decision Analytics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

Amidst an upsurge of digital data produced worldwide nowadays, the Major in Decision Analytics aims to equip students with the skills and expertise in leveraging and managing big data in real time, and provide them with solid training in making digitized information a strategic part of critical decision-making and resource allocation with greater clarity and accuracy. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize the fundamental concepts and methodologies of decision analytics which include but not limited to statistical analysis, data mining and data visualization, programming, data structuring, mathematical and statistical modelling and implementation of database systems. Elective courses focus on diverse and applied techniques of decision analytics in multidisciplinary fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the concepts of decision analytics and its underlying theory in relation to a broad range of related disciplinary academic or professional areas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : identify and adopt appropriate analytical techniques and tools to extract and classify critical information from structured or unstructured data (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : be proficient with the design and implementation of advanced modelling techniques and database management, and offer effective recommendations for analytic initiatives and solutions (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : evaluate the quality of information from different sources in support of critical decision making, process streamlining and the optimization of resources, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate to people effectively and efficiently with professionalism and accuracy using interactive and dynamic tools to translate technical information and present collaborative and strategic ideas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in decision analytics and confidence to solve real-life problems through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

BASc in Applied Artificial Intelligence
BEng in Computer Science
Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Computer Science
Minor in Computer Science
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
COMP2119	Introduction to data structures and algorithms (6)
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

COMP3278	Introduction to database management systems (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT4609	Big data analytics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP3250	Design and analysis of algorithms (6)
COMP3251	Algorithm design (6)
COMP3252	Algorithm design and analysis (6)
COMP3270	Artificial intelligence (6)
COMP3323	Advanced database systems (6)
COMP3407	Scientific computing (6)

MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
STAT3010	Image processing and computer vision (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
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STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT4011	Natural language processing (6)
STAT4023	Medical image analysis (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Students may consider taking the following courses if they wish to pursue a more focused study in the following areas:

a. Biomedical Analytics
BIOL4417 'Omics' and systems biology
STAT3607 Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research
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STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
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b. Financial and Risk Analytics
STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4601 Time series analysis
Plus advanced level courses listed for the Major in Risk Management

c. Operational Analytics
COMP3250 Design and analysis of algorithms
MATH3600 Discrete mathematics
MATH3901 Operations research I
MATH3943 Network models in operations research
MATH4902 Operations research II
STAT3606 Business logistics

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

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9. It is recommended that students opt for COMP3251 Algorithm design instead of COMP3252 Algorithm design and analysis when selecting elective courses between COMP3251 and COMP3252.

Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Decision Analytics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

Amidst an upsurge of digital data produced worldwide nowadays, the Major in Decision Analytics aims to equip students with the skills and expertise in leveraging and managing big data in real time, and provide them with solid training in making digitized information a strategic part of critical decision-making and resource allocation with greater clarity and accuracy. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize the fundamental concepts and methodologies of decision analytics which include but not limited to statistical analysis, data mining and data visualization, programming, data structuring, mathematical and statistical modelling and implementation of database systems. Elective courses focus on diverse and applied techniques of decision analytics in multidisciplinary fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the concepts of decision analytics and its underlying theory in relation to a broad range of related disciplinary academic or professional areas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Required courses (96 credits)

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STAT3606 Business logistics

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

5. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

6. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/useful-resources/handbooks (Student Handbook).

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

8. It is recommended that students opt for COMP3251 Algorithm design instead of COMP3252 Algorithm design and analysis when selecting elective courses between COMP3251 and COMP3252.

Remarks:
Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Decision Analytics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

Amidst an upsurge of digital data produced worldwide nowadays, the Major in Decision Analytics aims to equip students with the skills and expertise in leveraging and managing big data in real time, and provide them with solid training in making digitized information a strategic part of critical decision-making and resource allocation with greater clarity and accuracy. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize the fundamental concepts and methodologies of decision analytics which include but not limited to statistical analysis, data mining and data visualization, programming, data structuring, mathematical and statistical modelling and implementation of database systems. Elective courses focus on diverse and applied techniques of decision analytics in multidisciplinary fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the concepts of decision analytics and its underlying theory in relation to a broad range of related disciplinary academic or professional areas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : identify and adopt appropriate analytical techniques and tools to extract and classify critical information from structured or unstructured data (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : be proficient with the design and implementation of advanced modelling techniques and database management, and offer effective recommendations for analytic initiatives and solutions (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : evaluate the quality of information from different sources in support of critical decision making, process streamlining and the optimization of resources, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate to people effectively and efficiently with professionalism and accuracy using interactive and dynamic tools to translate technical information and present collaborative and strategic ideas (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in decision analytics and confidence to solve real-life problems through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

BASc in Applied Artificial Intelligence
BEng in Computer Science
Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Computer Science
Minor in Computer Science
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
COMP2119	Introduction to data structures and algorithms (6)
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

COMP3278	Introduction to database management systems (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT4609	Big data analytics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP3250	Design and analysis of algorithms (6)
COMP3251	Algorithm design (6)
COMP3252	Algorithm design and analysis (6)
COMP3270	Artificial intelligence (6)
COMP3323	Advanced database systems (6)
COMP3407	Scientific computing (6)

MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
STAT3010	Image processing and computer vision (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
STAT3622	Data visualization (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT4011	Natural language processing (6)
STAT4023	Medical image analysis (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Students may consider taking the following courses if they wish to pursue a more focused study in the following areas:

a. Biomedical Analytics
BIOL4417 'Omics' and systems biology
STAT3607 Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research
STAT3608 Statistical genetics
STAT3620 Modern nonparametric statistics
STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4602 Multivariate data analysis

b. Financial and Risk Analytics
STAT3621 Statistical data analysis
STAT4601 Time series analysis
Plus advanced level courses listed for the Major in Risk Management

c. Operational Analytics
COMP3250 Design and analysis of algorithms
MATH3600 Discrete mathematics
MATH3901 Operations research I
MATH3943 Network models in operations research
MATH4902 Operations research II
STAT3606 Business logistics

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Major Title	Major in Earth System Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

Earth System Science seeks to understand the Earth as an integrated system, including its past, present and future behaviour, from the environments where life evolves on the surface to the interactions between the crust and its fluid envelopes (atmosphere and hydrosphere), with interests extending to the Earth's interior. Core courses in the major focus on understanding the composition, structure and processes of the solid earth, the hydrosphere and the atmosphere, the biosphere, and their interactions. Students will be equipped with knowledge to help manage geological resources and natural hazards. Throughout the curriculum there is consistent emphasis on transferable skills, learning through fieldwork, laboratory studies and research based classes, designed to enhance students' ability to think critically, to communicate effectively and to develop solutions to complex problems. Graduates from the major can pursue further studies in the Earth Sciences and careers in a wide variety of geoscience-related areas including resource management, hazard mitigation, environment and life conservation and teaching.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the key concepts of the Earth System components and processes (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to observe, describe, measure and analyze principal phenomena of earth processes and the interactions between different earth components (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : provide expertise to maintain geological environments and prevent severe perturbations due to resource exploitation and water disposal (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : equip with the knowledge and skills to better predict and deal with geological and related hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, tsunamis, floods and volcanic eruptions, and recognize and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : identify real life problems pertaining to the physical environment and find solutions to those problems (by means capstone learning experience in the form of internship, field learning, and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : work with other students and possess an adequate level of communication skills (by means of group project learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)
EASC2411	Introduction to the Earth-Life system (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from Lists A and B, among which at least 18 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3415	Meteorology (6)
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)

List B

EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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4. Students are recommended to take additional chemistry and/or physics courses above the introductory level if they are interested in postgraduate research in Earth System Science.

5. Students are recommended to take PHYS1240 Physics by Inquiry and CHEM1041 Foundations of Chemistry if they do not have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics and Chemistry, respectively, or equivalent.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Earth System Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

Earth System Science seeks to understand the Earth as an integrated system, including its past, present and future behaviour, from the environments where life evolves on the surface to the interactions between the crust and its fluid envelopes (atmosphere and hydrosphere), with interests extending to the Earth's interior. Core courses in the major focus on understanding the composition, structure and processes of the solid earth, the hydrosphere and the atmosphere, the biosphere, and their interactions. Students will be equipped with knowledge to help manage geological resources and natural hazards. Throughout the curriculum there is consistent emphasis on transferable skills, learning through fieldwork, laboratory studies and research based classes, designed to enhance students' ability to think critically, to communicate effectively and to develop solutions to complex problems. Graduates from the major can pursue further studies in the Earth Sciences and careers in a wide variety of geoscience-related areas including resource management, hazard mitigation, environment and life conservation and teaching.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the key concepts of the Earth System components and processes (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to observe, describe, measure and analyze principal phenomena of earth processes and the interactions between different earth components (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : provide expertise to maintain geological environments and prevent severe perturbations due to resource exploitation and water disposal (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : equip with the knowledge and skills to better predict and deal with geological and related hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, tsunamis, floods and volcanic eruptions, and recognize and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : identify real life problems pertaining to the physical environment and find solutions to those problems (by means capstone learning experience in the form of internship, field learning, and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : work with other students and possess an adequate level of communication skills (by means of group project learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)
EASC2411	Introduction to the Earth-Life system (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

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List B

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EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Earth System Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)

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- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Earth System Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

Earth System Science seeks to understand the Earth as an integrated system, including its past, present and future behaviour, from the environments where life evolves on the surface to the interactions between the crust and its fluid envelopes (atmosphere and hydrosphere), with interests extending to the Earth's interior. Core courses in the major focus on understanding the composition, structure and processes of the solid earth, the hydrosphere and the atmosphere, the biosphere, and their interactions. Students will be equipped with knowledge to help manage geological resources and natural hazards. Throughout the curriculum there is consistent emphasis on transferable skills, learning through fieldwork, laboratory studies and research based classes, designed to enhance students' ability to think critically, to communicate effectively and to develop solutions to complex problems. Graduates from the major can pursue further studies in the Earth Sciences and careers in a wide variety of geoscience-related areas including resource management, hazard mitigation, environment and life conservation and teaching.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the key concepts of the Earth System components and processes (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to observe, describe, measure and analyze principal phenomena of earth processes and the interactions between different earth components (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : provide expertise to maintain geological environments and prevent severe perturbations due to resource exploitation and water disposal (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : equip with the knowledge and skills to better predict and deal with geological and related hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, tsunamis, floods and volcanic eruptions, and recognize and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : identify real life problems pertaining to the physical environment and find solutions to those problems (by means capstone learning experience in the form of internship, field learning, and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : work with other students and possess an adequate level of communication skills (by means of group project learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)
EASC2411	Introduction to the Earth-Life system (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from Lists A and B, among which at least 18 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3415	Meteorology (6)
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)

List B

EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students are recommended to take additional chemistry and/or physics courses above the introductory level if they are interested in postgraduate research in Earth System Science.

5. Students are recommended to take PHYS1240 Physics by Inquiry and CHEM1041 Foundations of Chemistry if they do not have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics and Chemistry, respectively, or equivalent.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Earth System Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

Earth System Science seeks to understand the Earth as an integrated system, including its past, present and future behaviour, from the environments where life evolves on the surface to the interactions between the crust and its fluid envelopes (atmosphere and hydrosphere), with interests extending to the Earth's interior. Core courses in the major focus on understanding the composition, structure and processes of the solid earth, the hydrosphere and the atmosphere, the biosphere, and their interactions. Students will be equipped with knowledge to help manage geological resources and natural hazards. Throughout the curriculum there is consistent emphasis on transferable skills, learning through fieldwork, laboratory studies and research based classes, designed to enhance students' ability to think critically, to communicate effectively and to develop solutions to complex problems. Graduates from the major can pursue further studies in the Earth Sciences and careers in a wide variety of geoscience-related areas including resource management, hazard mitigation, environment and life conservation and teaching.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the key concepts of the Earth System components and processes (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to observe, describe, measure and analyze principal phenomena of earth processes and the interactions between different earth components (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : provide expertise to maintain geological environments and prevent severe perturbations due to resource exploitation and water disposal (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : equip with the knowledge and skills to better predict and deal with geological and related hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, tsunamis, floods and volcanic eruptions, and recognize and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : identify real life problems pertaining to the physical environment and find solutions to those problems (by means capstone learning experience in the form of internship, field learning, and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : work with other students and possess an adequate level of communication skills (by means of group project learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)
EASC2411	Introduction to the Earth-Life system (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from Lists A and B, among which at least 18 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3415	Meteorology (6)
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)

List B

EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students are recommended to take additional chemistry and/or physics courses above the introductory level if they are interested in postgraduate research in Earth System Science.

5. Students are recommended to take PHYS1240 Physics by Inquiry and CHEM1041 Foundations of Chemistry if they do not have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics and Chemistry, respectively, or equivalent.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Earth System Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

Earth System Science seeks to understand the Earth as an integrated system, including its past, present and future behaviour, from the environments where life evolves on the surface to the interactions between the crust and its fluid envelopes (atmosphere and hydrosphere), with interests extending to the Earth's interior. Core courses in the major focus on understanding the composition, structure and processes of the solid earth, the hydrosphere and the atmosphere, the biosphere, and their interactions. Students will be equipped with knowledge to help manage geological resources and natural hazards. Throughout the curriculum there is consistent emphasis on transferable skills, learning through fieldwork, laboratory studies and research based classes, designed to enhance students' ability to think critically, to communicate effectively and to develop solutions to complex problems. Graduates from the major can pursue further studies in the Earth Sciences and careers in a wide variety of geoscience-related areas including resource management, hazard mitigation, environment and life conservation and teaching.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the key concepts of the Earth System components and processes (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to observe, describe, measure and analyze principal phenomena of earth processes and the interactions between different earth components (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : provide expertise to maintain geological environments and prevent severe perturbations due to resource exploitation and water disposal (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : equip with the knowledge and skills to better predict and deal with geological and related hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, tsunamis, floods and volcanic eruptions, and recognize and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : identify real life problems pertaining to the physical environment and find solutions to those problems (by means capstone learning experience in the form of internship, field learning, and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : work with other students and possess an adequate level of communication skills (by means of group project learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1406	Introduction to the earth-life system (6)	*Take either EASC1406 or EASC2411 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. EASC1406 and EASC2411 are mutually exclusive.*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)	
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)	
EASC2411	Introduction to the Earth-Life system (6)	*Take either EASC1406 or EASC2411 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. EASC1406 and EASC2411 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from Lists A and B, among which at least 18 credits from List A:

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EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)

ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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4. Students are recommended to take additional chemistry and/or physics courses above the introductory level if they are interested in postgraduate research in Earth System Science.

5. Students are recommended to take PHYS1240 Physics by Inquiry and CHEM1041 Foundations of Chemistry if they do not have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics and Chemistry, respectively, or equivalent.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Earth System Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

Earth System Science seeks to understand the Earth as an integrated system, including its past, present and future behaviour, from the environments where life evolves on the surface to the interactions between the crust and its fluid envelopes (atmosphere and hydrosphere), with interests extending to the Earth's interior. Core courses in the major focus on understanding the composition, structure and processes of the solid earth, the hydrosphere and the atmosphere, the biosphere, and their interactions. Students will be equipped with knowledge to help manage geological resources and natural hazards. Throughout the curriculum there is consistent emphasis on transferable skills, learning through fieldwork, laboratory studies and research based classes, designed to enhance students' ability to think critically, to communicate effectively and to develop solutions to complex problems. Graduates from the major can pursue further studies in the Earth Sciences and careers in a wide variety of geoscience-related areas including resource management, hazard mitigation, environment and life conservation and teaching.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the key concepts of the Earth System components and processes (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to observe, describe, measure and analyze principal phenomena of earth processes and the interactions between different earth components (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 5 : identify real life problems pertaining to the physical environment and find solutions to those problems (by means capstone learning experience in the form of internship, field learning, and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : work with other students and possess an adequate level of communication skills (by means of group project learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1406	Introduction to the earth-life system (6)	*Take either EASC1406 or EASC2411 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. EASC1406 and EASC2411 are mutually exclusive.*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)	
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)	
EASC2411	Introduction to the Earth-Life system (6)	*Take either EASC1406 or EASC2411 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. EASC1406 and EASC2411 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from Lists A and B, among which at least 18 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3415	Meteorology (6)
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)

List B

EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)

ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

5. Students are recommended to take additional chemistry and/or physics courses above the introductory level if they are interested in postgraduate research in Earth System Science.

6. Students are recommended to take PHYS1240 Physics by Inquiry and CHEM1041 Foundations of Chemistry if they do not have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics and Chemistry, respectively, or equivalent.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

This major is directed at teaching students: (1) how organisms interact with each other and their environments, (2) how species are distributed throughout the world, and (3) key threats and approaches to conserving biodiversity. Special reference is made to Hong Kong and Asia; the ways in which humans have impacted upon natural environments; and, the approaches used to manage or ameliorate those impacts. This major is based around an introductory core, which emphasizes plant and animal biology and includes a compulsory week-long residential field trip. Advanced courses in the major teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments) with an emphasis on field work, introduces the use of statistical and molecular techniques in ecology, and focuses on certain applied topics such as environmental impact assessment, ecotoxicology, fisheries and mariculture, and biodiversity conservation. Students have an opportunity to conduct independent research in ecology and biodiversity as a final year project or a dissertation under the close supervision of an individual staff member. Apart from the fundamental knowledge and skills in understanding and managing biodiversity offered in the core courses of this major, strong emphasis is placed upon experiential learning such as overseas field expedition and work placement in the environmental sector. Biodiversity conservation requires scientific input as well as passion. Through the range of formal field-based courses as well as extra-curricular activities offered, students taking this major will have opportunities to participate in research, field conservation and education projects both locally and internationally. Assistance will be provided so that students can develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals, as familiarity with species identification is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and appreciate the major living and non-living components of the regional and global environment, and how they interact; identify threats to them; and know how these threats can be mitigated (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and appreciate the variety of life in Hong Kong's and Southeast Asia's natural habitats, become equipped to understand, study, manage and protect that diversity, and appraise the related moral and ethical issues (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have sufficient experience of the basic techniques of modern ecological science and prepare to learn new ones for specific tasks (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : use IT tools appropriately, and access and evaluate materials from libraries, archives and the Internet (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking, with mastery of a range of communication skills (by means of coursework, project-based and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : have the skill and knowledge to pursue postgraduate ecological research or to develop a career in nature conservation and environmental education, especially in Hong Kong and southern China (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : be motivated and sufficiently equipped to apply the knowledge solve local, regional and global environmental problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes, capstone learning and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (36 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)
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ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

This major is directed at teaching students: (1) how organisms interact with each other and their environments, (2) how species are distributed throughout the world, and (3) key threats and approaches to conserving biodiversity. Special reference is made to Hong Kong and Asia; the ways in which humans have impacted upon natural environments; and, the approaches used to manage or ameliorate those impacts. This major is based around an introductory core, which emphasizes plant and animal biology and includes a compulsory week-long residential field trip. Advanced courses in the major teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments) with an emphasis on field work, introduces the use of statistical and molecular techniques in ecology, and focuses on certain applied topics such as environmental impact assessment, ecotoxicology, fisheries and mariculture, and biodiversity conservation. Students have an opportunity to conduct independent research in ecology and biodiversity as a final year project or a dissertation under the close supervision of an individual staff member. Apart from the fundamental knowledge and skills in understanding and managing biodiversity offered in the core courses of this major, strong emphasis is placed upon experiential learning such as overseas field expedition and work placement in the environmental sector. Biodiversity conservation requires scientific input as well as passion. Through the range of formal field-based courses as well as extra-curricular activities offered, students taking this major will have opportunities to participate in research, field conservation and education projects both locally and internationally. Assistance will be provided so that students can develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals, as familiarity with species identification is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and appreciate the major living and non-living components of the regional and global environment, and how they interact; identify threats to them; and know how these threats can be mitigated (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and appreciate the variety of life in Hong Kong's and Southeast Asia's natural habitats, become equipped to understand, study, manage and protect that diversity, and appraise the related moral and ethical issues (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have sufficient experience of the basic techniques of modern ecological science and prepare to learn new ones for specific tasks (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : use IT tools appropriately, and access and evaluate materials from libraries, archives and the Internet (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking, with mastery of a range of communication skills (by means of coursework, project-based and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : have the skill and knowledge to pursue postgraduate ecological research or to develop a career in nature conservation and environmental education, especially in Hong Kong and southern China (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : be motivated and sufficiently equipped to apply the knowledge solve local, regional and global environmental problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes, capstone learning and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (36 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

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ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Notes:

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5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

This major is directed at teaching students: (1) how organisms interact with each other and their environments, (2) how species are distributed throughout the world, and (3) key threats and approaches to conserving biodiversity. Special reference is made to Hong Kong and Asia; the ways in which humans have impacted upon natural environments; and, the approaches used to manage or ameliorate those impacts. This major is based around an introductory core, which emphasizes plant and animal biology and includes a compulsory week-long residential field trip. Advanced courses in the major teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments) with an emphasis on field work, introduces the use of statistical and molecular techniques in ecology, and focuses on certain applied topics such as environmental impact assessment, ecotoxicology, fisheries and mariculture, and biodiversity conservation. Students have an opportunity to conduct independent research in ecology and biodiversity as a final year project or a dissertation under the close supervision of an individual staff member. Apart from the fundamental knowledge and skills in understanding and managing biodiversity offered in the core courses of this major, strong emphasis is placed upon experiential learning such as overseas field expedition and work placement in the environmental sector. Biodiversity conservation requires scientific input as well as passion. Through the range of formal field-based courses as well as extra-curricular activities offered, students taking this major will have opportunities to participate in research, field conservation and education projects both locally and internationally. Assistance will be provided so that students can develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals, as familiarity with species identification is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

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By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
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Required courses (96 credits)

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2. Advanced level courses (36 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

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3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

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Notes:

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Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

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3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

This major is directed at teaching students: (1) how organisms interact with each other and their environments, (2) how species are distributed throughout the world, and (3) key threats and approaches to conserving biodiversity. Special reference is made to Hong Kong and Asia; the ways in which humans have impacted upon natural environments; and, the approaches used to manage or ameliorate those impacts. This major is based around an introductory core, which emphasizes plant and animal biology and includes a compulsory week-long residential field trip. Advanced courses in the major teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments) with an emphasis on field work, introduces the use of statistical and molecular techniques in ecology, and focuses on certain applied topics such as environmental impact assessment, ecotoxicology, fisheries and mariculture, and biodiversity conservation. Students have an opportunity to conduct independent research in ecology and biodiversity as a final year project or a dissertation under the close supervision of an individual staff member. Apart from the fundamental knowledge and skills in understanding and managing biodiversity offered in the core courses of this major, strong emphasis is placed upon experiential learning such as overseas field expedition and work placement in the environmental sector. Biodiversity conservation requires scientific input as well as passion. Through the range of formal field-based courses as well as extra-curricular activities offered, students taking this major will have opportunities to participate in research, field conservation and education projects both locally and internationally. Assistance will be provided so that students can develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals, as familiarity with species identification is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

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PLO 3 : have sufficient experience of the basic techniques of modern ecological science and prepare to learn new ones for specific tasks (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : use IT tools appropriately, and access and evaluate materials from libraries, archives and the Internet (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking, with mastery of a range of communication skills (by means of coursework, project-based and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : have the skill and knowledge to pursue postgraduate ecological research or to develop a career in nature conservation and environmental education, especially in Hong Kong and southern China (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : be motivated and sufficiently equipped to apply the knowledge solve local, regional and global environmental problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes, capstone learning and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (36 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6)

BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology (6)
BIOL3328	Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology (6)
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)
BIOL4304	Ecosystem functioning and services (6)
BIOL4505	Aquaculture: industry and technology (6)
BIOL4861	Ecology & biodiversity internship (6)
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, two 6-credit or a 12-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

This major is directed at teaching students: (1) how organisms interact with each other and their environments, (2) how species are distributed throughout the world, and (3) key threats and approaches to conserving biodiversity. Special reference is made to Hong Kong and Asia; the ways in which humans have impacted upon natural environments; and, the approaches used to manage or ameliorate those impacts. This major is based around an introductory core, which emphasizes plant and animal biology and includes a compulsory week-long residential field trip. Advanced courses in the major teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments) with an emphasis on field work, introduces the use of statistical and molecular techniques in ecology, and focuses on certain applied topics such as environmental impact assessment, ecotoxicology, fisheries and mariculture, and biodiversity conservation. Students have an opportunity to conduct independent research in ecology and biodiversity as a final year project or a dissertation under the close supervision of an individual staff member. Apart from the fundamental knowledge and skills in understanding and managing biodiversity offered in the core courses of this major, strong emphasis is placed upon experiential learning such as overseas field expedition and work placement in the environmental sector. Biodiversity conservation requires scientific input as well as passion. Through the range of formal field-based courses as well as extra-curricular activities offered, students taking this major will have opportunities to participate in research, field conservation and education projects both locally and internationally. Assistance will be provided so that students can develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals, as familiarity with species identification is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and appreciate the major living and non-living components of the regional and global environment, and how they interact; identify threats to them; and know how these threats can be mitigated (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and appreciate the variety of life in Hong Kong's and Southeast Asia's natural habitats, become equipped to understand, study, manage and protect that diversity, and appraise the related moral and ethical issues (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have sufficient experience of the basic techniques of modern ecological science and prepare to learn new ones for specific tasks (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : use IT tools appropriately, and access and evaluate materials from libraries, archives and the Internet (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking, with mastery of a range of communication skills (by means of coursework, project-based and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : have the skill and knowledge to pursue postgraduate ecological research or to develop a career in nature conservation and environmental education, especially in Hong Kong and southern China (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : be motivated and sufficiently equipped to apply the knowledge solve local, regional and global environmental problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes, capstone learning and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (36 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6)

BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)	
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)	
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)	
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology (6)	
BIOL3328	Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology (6)	
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)	
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)	
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	
BIOL4304	Ecosystem functioning and services (6)	
BIOL4505	Aquaculture: industry and technology (6)	*[previous title: Oyster aquaculture (6)]*
BIOL4861	Ecology & biodiversity internship (6)	
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)	
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, two 6-credit or a 12-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

This major is directed at teaching students: (1) how organisms interact with each other and their environments, (2) how species are distributed throughout the world, and (3) key threats and approaches to conserving biodiversity. Special reference is made to Hong Kong and Asia; the ways in which humans have impacted upon natural environments; and, the approaches used to manage or ameliorate those impacts. This major is based around an introductory core, which emphasizes plant and animal biology and includes a compulsory week-long residential field trip. Advanced courses in the major teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments) with an emphasis on field work, introduces the use of statistical and molecular techniques in ecology, and focuses on certain applied topics such as environmental impact assessment, ecotoxicology, fisheries and mariculture, and biodiversity conservation. Students have an opportunity to conduct independent research in ecology and biodiversity as a final year project or a dissertation under the close supervision of an individual staff member. Apart from the fundamental knowledge and skills in understanding and managing biodiversity offered in the core courses of this major, strong emphasis is placed upon experiential learning such as overseas field expedition and work placement in the environmental sector. Biodiversity conservation requires scientific input as well as passion. Through the range of formal field-based courses as well as extra-curricular activities offered, students taking this major will have opportunities to participate in research, field conservation and education projects both locally and internationally. Assistance will be provided so that students can develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals, as familiarity with species identification is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and appreciate the major living and non-living components of the regional and global environment, and how they interact; identify threats to them; and know how these threats can be mitigated (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and appreciate the variety of life in Hong Kong's and Southeast Asia's natural habitats, become equipped to understand, study, manage and protect that diversity, and appraise the related moral and ethical issues (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have sufficient experience of the basic techniques of modern ecological science and prepare to learn new ones for specific tasks (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : use IT tools appropriately, and access and evaluate materials from libraries, archives and the Internet (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking, with mastery of a range of communication skills (by means of coursework, project-based and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : have the skill and knowledge to pursue postgraduate ecological research or to develop a career in nature conservation and environmental education, especially in Hong Kong and southern China (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : be motivated and sufficiently equipped to apply the knowledge solve local, regional and global environmental problems (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes, capstone learning and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (36 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6)

BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)	
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)	
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)	
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology (6)	
BIOL3328	Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology (6)	
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)	
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)	
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	
BIOL4304	Ecosystem functioning and services (6)	
BIOL4505	Aquaculture: industry and technology (6)	*[previous title: Oyster aquaculture (6)]*
BIOL4861	Ecology & biodiversity internship (6)	
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)	
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, two 6-credit or a 12-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional two 6-credit or a 12-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

This intensive major is directed at teaching students the 'rules of existence' for organisms in natural and human-modified environments, including major threats to biodiversity and the approaches adopted to conserve species and habitats. Special reference is made to the plants, animals and habitats of Hong Kong and Asia, the ways in which humans have altered the region's ecosystems, and the management or mitigation of those impacts. The range and scope of courses offered will provide students with a firm foundation in ecology, biodiversity and related disciplines, and equip them with the skills required for postgraduate research or employment with government and non-government organizations concerned with biodiversity conservation, nature preservation or habitat assessment and management.

The intensive major is based around an introductory core that emphasizes biology, ecology and evolution of plants and animals; it includes a compulsory residential field trip (as part of the Ecology and Evolution course), as well as instruction in data analysis and biostatistics. Many of the advanced courses in the major have a strong emphasis on field-work and on small projects performed by students. They teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial, freshwater and urban) and taxa (e.g. flowering plants, insects, fishes, marine mammals). Other courses focus on more applied topics, such as environmental impact assessment, conservation, and provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with specialised topics ranging from systematics to animal behaviour.

During their final year, students have an opportunity to conduct independent research in the form of an ecology and biodiversity research project or a directed-studies dissertation under the close supervision of an individual staff member. Students are able to make use of the facilities of the Swire Institute of Marine Science for such work. Strong emphasis is also placed upon experiential learning during overseas field trips that can be taken as part of the capstone requirement of this intensive major.

Ecology and biodiversity research requires extensive scientific knowledge as well as passion, and students are encouraged to take more than the requisite 12-credit minimum of capstone courses. Through these courses, and the range of formal field-based options as well as various extra-curricular activities offered, students will be expected to develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals; this is an important skill since an ability to identify species and major taxa is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, for the purpose of meeting in part the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol).

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and appreciate the major living and non-living components of the local, regional and global environment, and how they interact; evaluate their role in ecosystem functioning and identify threats to them; and know how these threats can be mitigated (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : assess, understand and appreciate the variety of life in Hong Kong's and Southeast Asia's natural habitats, become equipped to assess, study, manage and protect that diversity, and appraise the related moral and ethical issues (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have sufficient experience of the basic techniques of modern ecological science and prepare to learn new ones for specific tasks (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : use IT tools appropriately, and access and evaluate materials from libraries, archives and the Internet (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking, with mastery of a range of communication skills (by means of coursework, project-based and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : have the skill and knowledge to pursue postgraduate ecological research in top-level Universities around the world or to develop a career in nature conservation and environmental education, especially in Hong Kong and southern China (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : be motivated and sufficiently equipped to apply the knowledge solve local, regional and global environmental problems in a changing world. (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes, capstone learning and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

Plus at least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*Take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*Take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (66 to 72 credits) (Note 2)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)	
BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (36 to 42 credits) (Note 2)

Plus at least 36 or 42 credits selected from the following courses:

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 6 credits selected from area A)

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 18 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6)
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3328	Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology (6)
BIOL3414	Plant stress biology and climate change (6)
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4304	Ecosystem functioning and services (6)
BIOL4861	Ecology & biodiversity internship (6)
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)

(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 6 credits from area C)

BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)

(D) Other disciplinary electives

BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)
BIOL4505	Aquaculture: industry and technology (6)
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 to 18 credits) (Note 2)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

BIOL3991	Directed studies in ecology & biodiversity (6)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Ecology & Biodiversity Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Within the E&B accredited curriculum, students have to pass a total of 60 credits within the Introductory Level Courses spread across two Science Foundation Courses (Level 1; 12 credits), seven Disciplinary Core Courses (Levels 1 & 2; 42 credits) and one chemistry (Level 1; 6 credits). For the chemistry course, students will have the choice between CHEM1041 and CHEM1042 in function of their prior chemistry background acquired during their upper secondary education. Students with no chemistry background should follow CHEM1041, while students with previous chemistry background should take CHEM1042.

Advanced Level Courses cover a total of 66 to 72 credits. Those are divided between five Disciplinary Core Courses (Level 3; 30 credits) and 6 to 7 Disciplinary Elective Courses (Level 3 & 4; 36 to 42 credits) among a choice of twenty-one different courses. As six of the Disciplinary Elective courses are being taught every other year, students must pay attention to the year during which these courses are taught and ensure that they have fulfilled the necessary requirements. There is a student mentorship programme in place that can assist them in this.

During their final year, students should complete a minimum of 12 credits as Capstone Courses (maximum of 18). The Ecology & Biodiversity Project (12 credits) is mandatory and students can choose to complete one of the other two Elective Capstone Courses (6 credits). If students choose to complete 18 credits of Capstone Courses, then they are required to complete only 36 credits of Disciplinary Elective Courses within the Advanced Level Courses (instead of 42 credits)

Finally, students who participate in student exchange programme are expected to enquire, prior to their departure from HKU, about potential equivalences with the courses taken during exchange programmes to ensure that they match requirements for obtaining the RSB accredited programme.

3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

This intensive major is directed at teaching students the 'rules of existence' for organisms in natural and human-modified environments, including major threats to biodiversity and the approaches adopted to conserve species and habitats. Special reference is made to the plants, animals and habitats of Hong Kong and Asia, the ways in which humans have altered the region's ecosystems, and the management or mitigation of those impacts. The range and scope of courses offered will provide students with a firm foundation in ecology, biodiversity and related disciplines, and equip them with the skills required for postgraduate research or employment with government and non-government organizations concerned with biodiversity conservation, nature preservation or habitat assessment and management.

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By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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PLO 2 : assess, understand and appreciate the variety of life in Hong Kong's and Southeast Asia's natural habitats, become equipped to assess, study, manage and protect that diversity, and appraise the related moral and ethical issues (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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Plus at least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

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2. Advanced level courses (66 to 72 credits) (Note 2)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

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BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
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BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
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Disciplinary Electives (36 to 42 credits) (Note 2)

Plus at least 36 or 42 credits selected from the following courses:

(A) Genetics, molecular and cell biology (at least 6 credits selected from area A)

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)

(B) Ecology, systematics and evolution (at least 18 credits selected from area B)

BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6)
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3328	Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology (6)
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BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4304	Ecosystem functioning and services (6)
BIOL4861	Ecology & biodiversity internship (6)
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)

(C) Physiology and organismic biology (at least 6 credits from area C)

BIOL3105	Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6)
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)

(D) Other disciplinary electives

BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)
BIOL4505	Aquaculture: industry and technology (6)
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 to 18 credits) (Note 2)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

BIOL3991	Directed studies in ecology & biodiversity (6)

Notes:

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Advanced Level Courses cover a total of 66 to 72 credits. Those are divided between five Disciplinary Core Courses (Level 3; 30 credits) and 6 to 7 Disciplinary Elective Courses (Level 3 & 4; 36 to 42 credits) among a choice of twenty-one different courses. As six of the Disciplinary Elective courses are being taught every other year, students must pay attention to the year during which these courses are taught and ensure that they have fulfilled the necessary requirements. There is a student mentorship programme in place that can assist them in this.

During their final year, students should complete a minimum of 12 credits as Capstone Courses (maximum of 18). The Ecology & Biodiversity Project (12 credits) is mandatory and students can choose to complete one of the other two Elective Capstone Courses (6 credits). If students choose to complete 18 credits of Capstone Courses, then they are required to complete only 36 credits of Disciplinary Elective Courses within the Advanced Level Courses (instead of 42 credits)

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Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

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5. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

This intensive major is directed at teaching students the 'rules of existence' for organisms in natural and human-modified environments, including major threats to biodiversity and the approaches adopted to conserve species and habitats. Special reference is made to the plants, animals and habitats of Hong Kong and Asia, the ways in which humans have altered the region's ecosystems, and the management or mitigation of those impacts. The range and scope of courses offered will provide students with a firm foundation in ecology, biodiversity and related disciplines, and equip them with the skills required for postgraduate research or employment with government and non-government organizations concerned with biodiversity conservation, nature preservation or habitat assessment and management.

The intensive major is based around an introductory core that emphasizes biology, ecology and evolution of plants and animals; it includes a compulsory residential field trip (as part of the Ecology and Evolution course), as well as instruction in data analysis and biostatistics. Many of the advanced courses in the major have a strong emphasis on field-work and on small projects performed by students. They teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial, freshwater and urban) and taxa (e.g. flowering plants, insects, fishes, marine mammals). Other courses focus on more applied topics, such as environmental impact assessment, conservation, and provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with specialised topics ranging from systematics to animal behaviour.

During their final year, students have an opportunity to conduct independent research in the form of an ecology and biodiversity research project or a directed-studies dissertation under the close supervision of an individual staff member. Students are able to make use of the facilities of the Swire Institute of Marine Science for such work. Strong emphasis is also placed upon experiential learning during overseas field trips that can be taken as part of the capstone requirement of this intensive major.

Ecology and biodiversity research requires extensive scientific knowledge as well as passion, and students are encouraged to take more than the requisite 12-credit minimum of capstone courses. Through these courses, and the range of formal field-based options as well as various extra-curricular activities offered, students will be expected to develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals; this is an important skill since an ability to identify species and major taxa is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and appreciate the major living and non-living components of the local, regional and global environment, and how they interact; evaluate their role in ecosystem functioning and identify threats to them; and know how these threats can be mitigated (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : assess, understand and appreciate the variety of life in Hong Kong's and Southeast Asia's natural habitats, become equipped to assess, study, manage and protect that diversity, and appraise the related moral and ethical issues (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have sufficient experience of the basic techniques of modern ecological science and prepare to learn new ones for specific tasks (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : use IT tools appropriately, and access and evaluate materials from libraries, archives and the Internet (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking, with mastery of a range of communication skills (by means of coursework, project-based and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : have the skill and knowledge to pursue postgraduate ecological research in top-level Universities around the world or to develop a career in nature conservation and environmental education, especially in Hong Kong and southern China (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and research-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : be motivated and sufficiently equipped to apply the knowledge solve local, regional and global environmental problems in a changing world. (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes, capstone learning and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

Plus at least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*Take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*Take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (66 to 72 credits) (Note 2)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)	
BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (36 to 42 credits) (Note 2)

Plus at least 36 or 42 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6)
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology (6)
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BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)
BIOL4304	Ecosystem functioning and services (6)
BIOL4505	Aquaculture: industry and technology (6)
BIOL4861	Ecology & biodiversity internship (6)
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 to 18 credits) (Note 2)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

BIOL3991	Directed studies in ecology & biodiversity (6)
BIOL4911	Conservation science in practice (6)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Ecology & Biodiversity Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Within the E&B accredited curriculum, students have to pass a total of 60 credits within the Introductory Level Courses spread across two Science Foundation Courses (Level 1; 12 credits), seven Disciplinary Core Courses (Levels 1 & 2; 42 credits) and one chemistry (Level 1; 6 credits). For the chemistry course, students will have the choice between CHEM1041 and CHEM1042 in function of their prior chemistry background acquired during their upper secondary education. Students with no chemistry background should follow CHEM1041, while students with previous chemistry background should take CHEM1042.

Advanced Level Courses cover a total of 66 to 72 credits. Those are divided between five Disciplinary Core Courses (Level 3; 30 credits) and 6 to 7 Disciplinary Elective Courses (Level 3 & 4; 36 to 42 credits) among a choice of fourteen different courses. As eight of the Disciplinary Elective courses are being taught every other year, students must pay attention to the year during which these courses are taught and ensure that they have fulfilled the necessary requirements. There is a student mentorship programme in place that can assist them in this.

During their final year, students should complete a minimum of 12 credits as Capstone Courses (maximum of 18). The Ecology & Biodiversity Project (12 credits) is mandatory and students can choose to complete one of the other two Elective Capstone Courses (6 credits). If students choose to complete 18 credits of Capstone Courses, then they are required to complete only 36 credits of Disciplinary Elective Courses within the Advanced Level Courses (instead of 42 credits)

Finally, students who participate in student exchange programme are expected to enquire, prior to their departure from HKU, about potential equivalences with the courses taken during exchange programmes to ensure that they match requirements for obtaining the RSB accredited programme.

3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.

- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
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- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

This intensive major is directed at teaching students the 'rules of existence' for organisms in natural and human-modified environments, including major threats to biodiversity and the approaches adopted to conserve species and habitats. Special reference is made to the plants, animals and habitats of Hong Kong and Asia, the ways in which humans have altered the region's ecosystems, and the management or mitigation of those impacts. The range and scope of courses offered will provide students with a firm foundation in ecology, biodiversity and related disciplines, and equip them with the skills required for postgraduate research or employment with government and non-government organizations concerned with biodiversity conservation, nature preservation or habitat assessment and management.

The intensive major is based around an introductory core that emphasizes biology, ecology and evolution of plants and animals; it includes a compulsory residential field trip (as part of the Ecology and Evolution course), as well as instruction in data analysis and biostatistics. Many of the advanced courses in the major have a strong emphasis on field-work and on small projects performed by students. They teach students about the ecology and biodiversity of different ecosystems (e.g. marine, terrestrial, freshwater and urban) and taxa (e.g. flowering plants, insects, fishes, marine mammals). Other courses focus on more applied topics, such as environmental impact assessment, conservation, and provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with specialised topics ranging from systematics to animal behaviour.

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Ecology and biodiversity research requires extensive scientific knowledge as well as passion, and students are encouraged to take more than the requisite 12-credit minimum of capstone courses. Through these courses, and the range of formal field-based options as well as various extra-curricular activities offered, students will be expected to develop expertise in one or a few groups of plants or animals; this is an important skill since an ability to identify species and major taxa is an essential prerequisite for biodiversity scientists or conservation biologists.

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and appreciate the major living and non-living components of the local, regional and global environment, and how they interact; evaluate their role in ecosystem functioning and identify threats to them; and know how these threats can be mitigated (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : assess, understand and appreciate the variety of life in Hong Kong's and Southeast Asia's natural habitats, become equipped to assess, study, manage and protect that diversity, and appraise the related moral and ethical issues (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have sufficient experience of the basic techniques of modern ecological science and prepare to learn new ones for specific tasks (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*
Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)		
Plus at least 6 credits selected from the following courses:		
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2. Advanced level courses (66 to 72 credits) (Note 2)		
Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)		
BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)	
BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
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BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)	*(Note 1)*
Disciplinary Electives (36 to 42 credits) (Note 2)		
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ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)	
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3. Capstone requirement (12 to 18 credits) (Note 2)		
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BIOL4991	Ecology & biodiversity project (12)	
Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)		
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Notes:

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Major Title	Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

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3. Capstone requirement (12 to 18 credits) (Note 2)

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Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

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Notes:

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Major in Environmental Science aims to provide students with a robust scientific and technological foundation for understanding and addressing the environmental challenges faced by humanity, particularly through the lens of sustainable development. The program features a flexible teaching and learning approach, allowing students to explore environmental issues from multiple perspectives. Core courses emphasize essential knowledge in life sciences, the physical environment, sustainable practices, pollution management, and monitoring. Throughout the curriculum, students are encouraged to engage in independent study using primary and secondary sources, fostering critical thinking, field and laboratory work, and documentary research as integrated elements of their coursework. By completing the curriculum, students are expected to enhance their understanding of environmental science, improve their problem-solving abilities, and develop strong communication and social skills, all of which are essential for promoting sustainability. Based on student interest, the program will provide students with an adequate background to pursue graduate study in the field of environmental science or preparing them to work in industries and government agencies where they will help manage resources wisely.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand fundamental principles and concepts related to environmental systems, including the physical, chemical, and biological processes that shape the natural environment (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe and measure physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : evaluate the key issues in environmental science and their cause/consequence on the Earth System (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : appropriately evaluate and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : gain an advanced level of skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods and appreciation of the related ethical issues (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Environmental Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

List B

EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	*May take either EASC1020 or EASC1401 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	*May take either EASC1020 or EASC1401 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	
GEOG2120	Introductory spatial analysis (6)	
GEOG2127	Environmental management (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from the following courses and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements:

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)

BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
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ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
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ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

ENVS3999	Directed studies in environmental science (6)
ENVS4966	Environmental science internship (6)
ENVS4999	Environmental science project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
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- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Environmental Science aims to provide students with a strong scientific and technological background for understanding and addressing the environmental issues faced by humankind. This includes a flexible teaching and learning programme so that students can explore environmental issues from a range of aspects. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge in life and environment, physical and sustainable environment, pollution, monitoring and management. Throughout the curriculum, students are encouraged to undertake their own independent study from primary and secondary sources to incorporate critical thinking, field and laboratory work, documentary and archive scholarship, as integrated elements of relevant courses. By completing the curriculum, students are expected to have enhanced their knowledge in environmental science and have improved their problem-solving ability, communication and social skills. Students will be prepared to work in industries and government agencies, where they will help manage wisely the resources for which they are responsible.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain an advanced level of skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods and appreciation of the related ethical issues (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Environmental Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

List B

EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	*May take either EASC1020 or EASC1401 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	*May take either EASC1020 or EASC1401 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	
GEOG2120	Introductory spatial analysis (6)	
GEOG2127	Environmental management (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from the following courses and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements:

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)
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EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

ENVS3999	Directed studies in environmental science (6)
ENVS4966	Environmental science internship (6)
ENVS4999	Environmental science project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Major in Environmental Science aims to provide students with a strong scientific and technological background for understanding and addressing the environmental issues faced by humankind. This includes a flexible teaching and learning programme so that students can explore environmental issues from a range of aspects. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge in life and environment, physical and sustainable environment, pollution, monitoring and management. Throughout the curriculum, students are encouraged to undertake their own independent study from primary and secondary sources to incorporate critical thinking, field and laboratory work, documentary and archive scholarship, as integrated elements of relevant courses. By completing the curriculum, students are expected to have enhanced their knowledge in environmental science and have improved their problem-solving ability, communication and social skills. Students will be prepared to work in industries and government agencies, where they will help manage wisely the resources for which they are responsible.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 4 : gain an advanced level of skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods and appreciation of the related ethical issues (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Environmental Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

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EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	*May take either EASC1020 or EASC1401 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
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2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

ENVS3999	Directed studies in environmental science (6)
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Notes:

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Major Title	Major in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Environmental Science

Required courses (96 credits)

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ENVS3042	Pollution (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

ENVS3999	Directed studies in environmental science (6)
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Notes:

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2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Major in Environmental Science aims to provide students with a strong scientific and technological background for understanding and addressing the environmental issues faced by humankind. This includes a flexible teaching and learning programme so that students can explore environmental issues from a range of aspects. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge in life and environment, physical and sustainable environment, pollution, monitoring and management. Throughout the curriculum, students are encouraged to undertake their own independent study from primary and secondary sources to incorporate critical thinking, field and laboratory work, documentary and archive scholarship, as integrated elements of relevant courses. By completing the curriculum, students are expected to have enhanced their knowledge in environmental science and have improved their problem-solving ability, communication and social skills. Students will be prepared to work in industries and government agencies, where they will help manage wisely the resources for which they are responsible.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain an advanced level of skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods and appreciation of the related ethical issues (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Environmental Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	
GEOG2120	Introductory spatial analysis (6)	
GEOG2127	Environmental management (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from the following courses and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements:

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	*[previous title: Environmental microbiology (6)]*
BIOL3110	Environmental toxicology (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)	
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)	
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)	

EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)	
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)	
ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)	
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)	
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)	
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)	
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)	
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)	
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)	
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)	
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)	
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

ENVS3999	Directed studies in environmental science (6)
ENVS4966	Environmental science internship (6)
ENVS4999	Environmental science project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Major in Environmental Science aims to provide students with a strong scientific and technological background for understanding and addressing the environmental issues faced by humankind. This includes a flexible teaching and learning programme so that students can explore environmental issues from a range of aspects. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge in life and environment, physical and sustainable environment, pollution, monitoring and management. Throughout the curriculum, students are encouraged to undertake their own independent study from primary and secondary sources to incorporate critical thinking, field and laboratory work, documentary and archive scholarship, as integrated elements of relevant courses. By completing the curriculum, students are expected to have enhanced their knowledge in environmental science and have improved their problem-solving ability, communication and social skills. Students will be prepared to work in industries and government agencies, where they will help manage wisely the resources for which they are responsible.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain an advanced level of skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods and appreciation of the related ethical issues (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Environmental Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	
GEOG2120	Introductory spatial analysis (6)	
GEOG2127	Environmental management (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	*[previous title: Environmental microbiology (6)]*
BIOL3110	Environmental toxicology (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)	
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)	
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)	
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)	

ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)	
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)	
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)	
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)	
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)	
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)	
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)	
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)	
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)	
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

ENVS3999	Directed studies in environmental science (6)
ENVS4966	Environmental science internship (6)
ENVS4999	Environmental science project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Environmental Science aims to provide students with a strong scientific and technological background for understanding and addressing the environmental issues faced by humankind. This includes a flexible teaching and learning programme so that students can explore environmental issues from a range of aspects. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge in life and environment, physical and sustainable environment, pollution, monitoring and management. Throughout the curriculum, students are encouraged to undertake their own independent study from primary and secondary sources to incorporate critical thinking, field and laboratory work, documentary and archive scholarship, as integrated elements of relevant courses. By completing the curriculum, students are expected to have enhanced their knowledge in environmental science and have improved their problem-solving ability, communication and social skills. Students will be prepared to work in industries and government agencies, where they will help manage wisely the resources for which they are responsible.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain an advanced level of skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods and appreciation of the related ethical issues (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Environmental Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either ENVS1301 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	
GEOG2120	Introductory spatial analysis (6)	
GEOG2127	Environmental management (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3109	Environmental and molecular ecology (6)	*[previous title: Environmental microbiology (6)]*
BIOL3110	Environmental toxicology (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)	
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)	
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)	
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)	

ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)	
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)	
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)	
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)	
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)	
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)	
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)	
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)	
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)	
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

ENVS3999	Directed studies in environmental science (6)
ENVS4966	Environmental science internship (6)
ENVS4999	Environmental science project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Major in Food and Nutritional Science aims to offer an exciting, dynamic, and challenging environment to prepare the students for career opportunities in food and nutritional science. The goals of the programme are to provide the students with: (a) critical knowledge and understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of food science and technology, and nutrition and their relationship to human health; (b) critical knowledge and understanding on the relationship between food and a wide range of social, legal, technological and environmental factors; (c) a curriculum meeting the requirements for higher degree in MPhil and PhD and or the taught Master of Science degrees in the field of Food industry: Management and Marketing, Food Safety and Toxicology and the postgraduate diploma related to health sciences. The curriculum is designed for students to select studies in Nutrition and Public Health in preparation for postgraduate diploma in dietetics or human nutrition. Study in Food Security is an innovative programme that entails scientific and social approach in food, nutrition and environment, allowing students to relate global challenges in industry, society and government levels.

The mission is to provide a progressive and effective programme that integrates theoretical and experiential learning to better prepare students for the challenges of the workplace. Throughout the curriculum, there is consistent emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory studies, internship training, research-based learning, debate and presentations, which are designed to enhance students' critical thinking, communication and collaboration, tackling of ill-defined problems, development of individual learning objectives and self-evaluation of performance. Internship experiences can be gained in medical and health sectors, schools, industries, government and community setting. Students graduated from this programme are prepared for diverse careers in the food industry, government or private-sector food and nutrition agencies, and scientific research laboratories, health-care and fitness facilities, hospitals, nutrition edition and communication enterprises.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand the science underpinning food and nutrition as applied to diet and health, and to food production (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze controversial food related issues such as GM foods, nutritional labeling and food sustainability (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand ethical perspectives and practice in all areas of food product development, food safety and public health nutrition, and appreciate and identify the need for ethical standards and professional codes of conduct (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : apply and disseminate scientific knowledge obtained from food, nutrition and related biosciences for the understanding of the influences in nutrition, health and disease of a community using a range of formats and approaches (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : apply independent thinking and the principles of scientific enquiry to conduct a small research project to test a food- and/or nutrition-related hypothesis (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, laboratory-based and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : demonstrate communication and teamwork skills necessary to working in a multi-disciplinary environment (by means of coursework and group-project learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2512	Applied statistics in food and nutrition (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 12 credits of advanced level BIOL3XXX and/or BIOL4XXX course from the list below:

BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle (6)
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)

BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology (6)
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics (6)
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)
SDST3617	Sample survey methods (6)
GEOG3203	Climate change and the environment (6)
POLI3121	Environmental policy (6)
BBMS4004	Public health genetics (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3992	Directed studies in food & nutritional science (6)
BIOL4922	Food product development and evaluation (6)
BIOL4962	Food & nutritional science internship (6)
BIOL4992	Food & nutritional science project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Those who want to specialize in the Nutrition and Public Health Studies should pass the following course:
Introduction level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation: SCNC1111 and SCNC1112; 6 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL1110, BIOL1201, BIOL2101; BIOL2103, BIOL2220, BIOL2512 or BIOC2600.
Advanced level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL3202 and BIOL3203; any 5 Disciplinary Electives in the list (4 must be BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX): BIOL3204, BIOL3205, BIOL3211, BIOL3217, BIOL3602/BIOL4202, BIOC3606, STAT3617, and BBMS4004. One course - BIOL4201 or BIOL3606/BIOL4616; Free elective courses: 2 courses - CHEM1041, CHEM1042, CHEM1043, CHEM2442.
Capstone requirement: any 1 Capstone Course: BIOL3992, BIOL4922, BIOL4962, and BIOL4992.

5. Those who want to specialize in the Food Security Studies should pass the following course:
Introduction level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation: SCNC1111 and SCNC1112; 6 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL1110, BIOL1201, BIOL2101; BIOL2103, BIOL2220, BIOL2512 or BIOC2600.
Advanced level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL3202 and BIOL3203; any 5 Disciplinary Electives in the list (4 must be BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX): BIOL3207, BIOL3209, BIOL3217, BIOL3218, BIOL3608, BIOL4201, BIOL4209, GEOG3203, POLI3121; STAT3617, and BBMS4004. One course - BIOL4205 or BIOL4411; Free elective courses: 2 courses - GEOG2013, GEOG2030, GEOG2152, GEOG2154
Capstone requirement: any 1 Capstone Course: BIOL3992, BIOL4922, BIOL4962 and BIOL4992.

6. Students who may wish to pursue postgraduate study in dietetics are strongly advised to consult their academic and course selection advisor. Students are recommended to take BIOL1110, BIOL2103, CHEM1042 and CHEM2442 in Year 1/2 of the study. Students should also take BIOL3204, BIOL3503 and one Level 3/4 courses related to molecular biology.

7. Specialisation recognition will be allowed for 2014-2018 student intake. Students who already took any two of these CHEM1041, CHEM1042, CHEM1043, CHEM2441, CHEM2442 can be counted as two disciplinary electives for specialization in Nutrition and Public Health.

8. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Food and Nutritional Science aims to offer an exciting, dynamic, and challenging environment to prepare the students for career opportunities in food and nutritional science. The goals of the programme are to provide the students with: (a) critical knowledge and understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of food science and technology, and nutrition and their relationship to human health; (b) critical knowledge and understanding on the relationship between food and a wide range of social, legal, technological and environmental factors; (c) a curriculum meeting the requirements for higher degree in MPhil and PhD and or the taught Master of Science degrees in the field of Food industry: Management and Marketing, Food Safety and Toxicology and the postgraduate diploma related to health sciences. The curriculum is designed for students to select studies in Nutrition and Public Health in preparation for postgraduate diploma in dietetics or human nutrition. Study in Food Security is an innovative programme that entails scientific and social approach in food, nutrition and environment, allowing students to relate global challenges in industry, society and government levels.

The mission is to provide a progressive and effective programme that integrates theoretical and experiential learning to better prepare students for the challenges of the workplace. Throughout the curriculum, there is consistent emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory studies, internship training, research-based learning, debate and presentations, which are designed to enhance students' critical thinking, communication and collaboration, tackling of ill-defined problems, development of individual learning objectives and self-evaluation of performance. Internship experiences can be gained in medical and health sectors, schools, industries, government and community setting. Students graduated from this programme are prepared for diverse careers in the food industry, government or private-sector food and nutrition agencies, and scientific research laboratories, health-care and fitness facilities, hospitals, nutrition edition and communication enterprises.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand the science underpinning food and nutrition as applied to diet and health, and to food production (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze controversial food related issues such as GM foods, nutritional labeling and food sustainability (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 5 : apply independent thinking and the principles of scientific enquiry to conduct a small research project to test a food- and/or nutrition-related hypothesis (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, laboratory-based and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

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BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

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BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
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BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	
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BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)	
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)	
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)	
POLI3121	Environmental policy (6)	
BBMS4004	Public health genetics (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3992	Directed studies in food & nutritional science (6)
BIOL4922	Food product development and evaluation (6)
BIOL4962	Food & nutritional science internship (6)
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Notes:

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3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Those who want to specialize in the Nutrition and Public Health Studies should pass the following course:
Introduction level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation: SCNC1111 and SCNC1112; 6 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL1110, BIOL1201, BIOL2101; BIOL2103, BIOL2220, BIOL2512 or BIOC2600; 2 Disciplinary Electives: CHEM1042 and CHEM2442.
Advanced level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL3202 and BIOL3203; any 2 Disciplinary Electives with at least 1 must be at BIOL3XXX/BIOL4XXX in the list: BIOL3204, BIOL3205, BIOL3211, BIOL3217, BIOL3602/BIOL4202, BIOC3606, STAT3617, and BBMS4004. PLUS ONE must be BIOL4201 or BIOL3606/BIOL4616.
Capstone requirement: any 1 Capstone Course: BIOL3992, BIOL4922, BIOL4962, and BIOL4992.

5. Those who want to specialize in the Food Security Studies should pass the following course:
Introduction level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation: SCNC1111 and SCNC1112; 6 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL1110, BIOL1201, BIOL2101; BIOL2103, BIOL2220, BIOL2512 or BIOC2600; 2 Disciplinary Electives: GEOG2013, GEOG2030, GEOG2152 and GEOG2154.
Advanced level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL3202 and BIOL3203; any 2 Disciplinary Electives with at least 1 must be at BIOL3XXX/BIOL4XXX in the list: BIOL3207, BIOL3209, BIOL3217, BIOL3218, BIOL3608, BIOL4201, BIOL4209, GEOG3202, POLI3121; STAT3617, and BBMS4004. PLUS ONE must be BIOL4205 or BIOL4411.
Capstone requirement: any 1 Capstone Course: BIOL3992, BIOL4922, BIOL4962, and BIOL4992.

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Major in Food and Nutritional Science aims to offer an exciting, dynamic, and challenging environment to prepare the students for career opportunities in food and nutritional science. The goals of the programme are to provide the students with: (a) critical knowledge and understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of food science and technology, and nutrition and their relationship to human health; (b) critical knowledge and understanding on the relationship between food and a wide range of social, legal, technological and environmental factors; (c) a curriculum meeting the requirements for higher degree in MPhil and PhD and or the taught Master of Science degrees in the field of Food industry: Management and Marketing, Food Safety and Toxicology and the postgraduate diploma related to health sciences. The curriculum is designed for students to select studies in Nutrition and Public Health in preparation for postgraduate diploma in dietetics or human nutrition. Study in Food Security is an innovative programme that entails scientific and social approach in food, nutrition and environment, allowing students to relate global challenges in industry, society and government levels.

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By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

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BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3606	Diet and disease (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4202	Nutrition and sports performance (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)	
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)	
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)	
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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

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BIOL3992	Directed studies in food & nutritional science (6)
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Major Title	Major in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

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BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3606	Diet and disease (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
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BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
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STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)	
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)	
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Notes:

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Capstone requirement: any 1 Capstone Course: BIOL3992, BIOL4922, BIOL4962, and BIOL4992.

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Major in Food and Nutritional Science aims to offer an exciting, dynamic, and challenging environment to prepare the students for career opportunities in food and nutritional science. The goals of the programme are to provide the students with: (a) critical knowledge and understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of food science and technology, and nutrition and their relationship to human health; (b) critical knowledge and understanding on the relationship between food and a wide range of social, legal, technological and environmental factors; (c) a curriculum meeting the requirements for higher degree in MPhil and PhD and or the taught Master of Science degrees in the field of Food industry: Management and Marketing, Food Safety and Toxicology and the postgraduate diploma related to health sciences. The curriculum is designed for students to select studies in Nutrition and Public Health in preparation for postgraduate diploma in dietetics or human nutrition. Study in Food Security is an innovative programme that entails scientific and social approach in food, nutrition and environment, allowing students to relate global challenges in industry, society and government levels.

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand the science underpinning food and nutrition as applied to diet and health, and to food production (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze controversial food related issues such as GM foods, nutritional labeling and food sustainability (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 5 : apply independent thinking and the principles of scientific enquiry to conduct a small research project to test a food- and/or nutrition-related hypothesis (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, laboratory-based and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
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BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2512	Applied statistics in food and nutrition (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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CHEM2442	Fundamentals of organic chemistry (6)
GEOG2013	Sustainable development (6)
GEOG2030	Global development (6)
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GEOG2154	Healthy food, place, and sustainability (6)

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)	
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At least 12 credits of advanced level BIOL3XXX and/or BIOL4XXX course from the list below:

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BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)	
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BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

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BIOL3992	Directed studies in food & nutritional science (6)
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Notes:

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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

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Introduction level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation: SCNC1111 and SCNC1112; 6 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL1110, BIOL1201, BIOL2101; BIOL2102, BIOL2103, BIOL2220, BIOL2512 or BIOC2600; 2 Disciplinary Electives: GEOG2013, GEOG2030 and GEOG2152 and GEOG2154.
Advanced level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL3202 and BIOL3203; any 3 Disciplinary Electives with at least 2 must be at BIOL3XXX and/or BIOL4XXX in the list: BIOL3207, BIOL3209, BIOL3217, BIOL3218, BIOL3606/BIOL4616, BIOL3608, BIOL4201, BIOL4205, BIOL4209, BIOL4411, GEOG3202, POLI3121; STAT3617, and BBMS4004.
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Major Title	Major in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Food and Nutritional Science aims to offer an exciting, dynamic, and challenging environment to prepare the students for career opportunities in food and nutritional science. The goals of the programme are to provide the students with: (a) critical knowledge and understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of food science and technology, and nutrition and their relationship to human health; (b) critical knowledge and understanding on the relationship between food and a wide range of social, legal, technological and environmental factors; (c) a curriculum meeting the requirements for higher degree in MPhil and PhD and or the taught Master of Science degrees in the field of Food industry: Management and Marketing, Food Safety and Toxicology and the postgraduate diploma related to health sciences. The curriculum is designed for students to select studies in Nutrition and Public Health in preparation for postgraduate diploma in dietetics or human nutrition. Study in Food Security is an innovative programme that entails scientific and social approach in food, nutrition and environment, allowing students to relate global challenges in industry, society and government levels.

The mission is to provide a progressive and effective programme that integrates theoretical and experiential learning to better prepare students for the challenges of the workplace. Throughout the curriculum, there is consistent emphasis on experiential learning through laboratory studies, internship training, research-based learning, debate and presentations, which are designed to enhance students' critical thinking, communication and collaboration, tackling of ill-defined problems, development of individual learning objectives and self-evaluation of performance. Internship experiences can be gained in medical and health sectors, schools, industries, government and community setting. Students graduated from this programme are prepared for diverse careers in the food industry, government or private-sector food and nutrition agencies, and scientific research laboratories, health-care and fitness facilities, hospitals, nutrition edition and communication enterprises.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand the science underpinning food and nutrition as applied to diet and health, and to food production (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze controversial food related issues such as GM foods, nutritional labeling and food sustainability (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand ethical perspectives and practice in all areas of food product development, food safety and public health nutrition, and appreciate and identify the need for ethical standards and professional codes of conduct (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : apply and disseminate scientific knowledge obtained from food, nutrition and related biosciences for the understanding of the influences in nutrition, health and disease of a community using a range of formats and approaches (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : apply independent thinking and the principles of scientific enquiry to conduct a small research project to test a food- and/or nutrition-related hypothesis (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, laboratory-based and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : demonstrate communication and teamwork skills necessary to working in a multi-disciplinary environment (by means of coursework and group-project learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Minor in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)
CHEM2442	Fundamentals of organic chemistry (6)
GEOG2013	Sustainable development (6)
GEOG2030	Global development (6)
GEOG2152	Health and medical geography (6)
GEOG2154	Healthy food, place, and sustainability (6)

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)	
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 12 credits of advanced level BIOL3XXX and/or BIOL4XXX course from the list below:

BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology (6)	
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)	
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3606	Diet and disease (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4202	Nutrition and sports performance (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)	
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)	
GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies (6)	
POLI3121	Environmental policy (6)	
BBMS4004	Public health genetics (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3992	Directed studies in food & nutritional science (6)
BIOL4922	Food product development and evaluation (6)
BIOL4962	Food & nutritional science internship (6)
BIOL4992	Food & nutritional science project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

5. Those who want to specialize in the Nutrition and Public Health Studies should pass the following course:
Introduction level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation: SCNC1111 and SCNC1112; 6 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL1110, BIOL1201, BIOL2101; BIOL2102, BIOL2103, BIOL2220 or BIOC2600; 2 Disciplinary Electives: CHEM1042 and CHEM2442.
Advanced level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL3202 and BIOL3203; any 3 Disciplinary Electives with at least 2 must be at BIOL3XXX and/or BIOL4XXX in the list: BIOL3204, BIOL3205, BIOL3207, BIOL3209, BIOL3211, BIOL3217, BIOL3606/BIOL4616, BIOL4201, BIOL3602/BIOL4202, BIOL4209, BIOC3606, STAT3617, and BBMS4004.
Capstone requirement: any 1 Capstone Course: BIOL3992, BIOL4922, BIOL4962, and BIOL4992.

6. Those who want to specialize in the Food Security Studies should pass the following course:
Introduction level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation: SCNC1111 and SCNC1112; 6 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL1110, BIOL1201, BIOL2101; BIOL2102, BIOL2103, BIOL2220 or BIOC2600; 2 Disciplinary Electives: GEOG2013, GEOG2030, GEOG2152 and GEOG2154.

Advanced level courses - 2 Disciplinary Core Courses: BIOL3202 and BIOL3203; any 3 Disciplinary Electives with at least 2 must be at BIOL3XXX and/or BIOL4XXX in the list: BIOL3207, BIOL3216, BIOL3217, BIOL3218, BIOL3606/BIOL4616, BIOL3608, BIOL4201, BIOL4205, BIOL4209, BIOL4411, GEOG3202, POLI3121; STAT3617, and BBMS4004.
Capstone requirement: any 1 Capstone Course: BIOL3992, BIOL4922, BIOL4962, and BIOL4992.

7. Students who may wish to pursue postgraduate study in dietetics are strongly advised to consult their academic and course selection advisor. Students are recommended to take BIOL1110, BIOL2103, CHEM1042 and CHEM2442 in Year 1/2 of the study. Students should also take BIOL3204, BIOL3503 and one Level 3/4 courses related to molecular biology.

8. Specialisation recognition will be allowed for 2014-2018 student intake. Students who already took any two of these CHEM1041, CHEM1042, CHEM1043, CHEM2441, CHEM2442 can be counted as two disciplinary electives for specialization in Nutrition and Public Health.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

Geology concerns with the scientific study of the Earth's structure, processes, material and history. Geologists apply knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to solve Earth problems. The Geology Major aims to give students a sound foundation of the geological sciences and enable them to pursue postgraduate studies or careers in the geosciences. The curriculum emphasizes the development of knowledge and skills, and practical experience in the field. The core courses are designed to give students a well-rounded understanding of the geological disciplines including petrology, paleontology, geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology and the applications of geological knowledge to resource development, natural hazard management, and geotechnical and environmental engineering. Students who wish to become a professional geologist may take additional designated courses designed to meet the pathway for accreditation as a chartered geologist.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Geology (Intensive)
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

Geology concerns with the scientific study of the Earth's structure, processes, material and history. Geologists apply knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to solve Earth problems. The Geology Major aims to give students a sound foundation of the geological sciences and enable them to pursue postgraduate studies or careers in the geosciences. The curriculum emphasizes the development of knowledge and skills, and practical experience in the field. The core courses are designed to give students a well-rounded understanding of the geological disciplines including petrology, paleontology, geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology and the applications of geological knowledge to resource development, natural hazard management, and geotechnical and environmental engineering. Students who wish to become a professional geologist may take additional designated courses designed to meet the pathway for accreditation as a chartered geologist.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Geology (Intensive)
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)

Notes:

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2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
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5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

Geology concerns with the scientific study of the Earth's structure, processes, material and history. Geologists apply knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to solve Earth problems. The Geology Major aims to give students a sound foundation of the geological sciences and enable them to pursue postgraduate studies or careers in the geosciences. The curriculum emphasizes the development of knowledge and skills, and practical experience in the field. The core courses are designed to give students a well-rounded understanding of the geological disciplines including petrology, paleontology, geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology and the applications of geological knowledge to resource development, natural hazard management, and geotechnical and environmental engineering. Students who wish to become a professional geologist may take additional designated courses designed to meet the pathway for accreditation as a chartered geologist.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Geology (Intensive)
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

List B

EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)	
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)	
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)	
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)	
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)	
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)	
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)	
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)	
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)	
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	

EASC4999 Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955 Integrated field studies (6)

Notes:

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2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

Geology concerns with the scientific study of the Earth's structure, processes, material and history. Geologists apply knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to solve Earth problems. The Geology Major aims to give students a sound foundation of the geological sciences and enable them to pursue postgraduate studies or careers in the geosciences. The curriculum emphasizes the development of knowledge and skills, and practical experience in the field. The core courses are designed to give students a well-rounded understanding of the geological disciplines including petrology, paleontology, geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology and the applications of geological knowledge to resource development, natural hazard management, and geotechnical and environmental engineering. Students who wish to become a professional geologist may take additional designated courses designed to meet the pathway for accreditation as a chartered geologist.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Geology (Intensive)
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

List B

EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)	
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)	
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)	
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)	
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)	
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)	
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)	
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)	
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)	
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	

EASC4999 Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955 Integrated field studies (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

Geology concerns with the scientific study of the Earth's structure, processes, material and history. Geologists apply knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to solve Earth problems. The Geology Major aims to give students a sound foundation of the geological sciences and enable them to pursue postgraduate studies or careers in the geosciences. The curriculum emphasizes the development of knowledge and skills, and practical experience in the field. The core courses are designed to give students a well-rounded understanding of the geological disciplines including petrology, paleontology, geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology and the applications of geological knowledge to resource development, natural hazard management, and geotechnical and environmental engineering. Students who wish to become a professional geologist may take additional designated courses designed to meet the pathway for accreditation as a chartered geologist.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Geology (Intensive)
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

List B

EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)	
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)	
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)	
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)	
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)	
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)	
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)	
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)	
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)	
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	

EASC4999 Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955 Integrated field studies (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

Geology concerns with the scientific study of the Earth's structure, processes, material and history. Geologists apply knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to solve Earth problems. The Geology Major aims to give students a sound foundation of the geological sciences and enable them to pursue postgraduate studies or careers in the geosciences. The curriculum emphasizes the development of knowledge and skills, and practical experience in the field. The core courses are designed to give students a well-rounded understanding of the geological disciplines including petrology, paleontology, geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology and the applications of geological knowledge to resource development, natural hazard management, and geotechnical and environmental engineering. Students who wish to become a professional geologist may take additional designated courses designed to meet the pathway for accreditation as a chartered geologist.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Geology (Intensive)
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

Geology concerns with the scientific study of the Earth's structure, processes, material and history. Geologists apply knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to solve Earth problems. The Geology Major aims to give students a sound foundation of the geological sciences and enable them to pursue postgraduate studies or careers in the geosciences. The curriculum emphasizes the development of knowledge and skills, and practical experience in the field. The core courses are designed to give students a well-rounded understanding of the geological disciplines including petrology, paleontology, geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology and the applications of geological knowledge to resource development, natural hazard management, and geotechnical and environmental engineering. Students who wish to become a professional geologist may take additional designated courses designed to meet the pathway for accreditation as a chartered geologist.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Geology (Intensive)
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:
To provide an education in Geology which meets the current minimum requirements of the Geological Society of London for accreditation.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Geology
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (150 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 to 72 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2409	Regional field studies (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (72 to 90 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses (60 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)	*(Note 2)*

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following introductory and advanced level courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)

List B

EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2408	Planetary geology (6)
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)

EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)	
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)	
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)	*(Note 1)*

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Geology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Requires approval to qualify for accredited pathway. EASC4999 Earth sciences project must have a significant 3D geological evolutionary component to meet Accredited Pathway requirements, as specified during our 2016 re-accreditation. Therefore, each EASC4999 project intended to qualify for the Accredited Pathway must be approved by the Geology major coordinator as satisfying this requirement. This policy is effective for all projects starting in 2017 and after.

3. In the list of disciplinary elective courses, three of them are introductory level courses while the others are advanced level courses. If students take all advanced level courses in the list, the total number of introductory level courses is 54 credits while that of advanced level courses is 90 credits. If students take 3 introductory level courses in the list and 2 advanced level courses, the total number of introductory level courses is 72 credits and that of advanced level courses is 72 credits.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:
To provide an education in Geology which meets the current minimum requirements of the Geological Society of London for accreditation.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Geology
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (150 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 to 72 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2409	Regional field studies (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (72 to 90 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses (60 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)	*(Note 2)*

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following introductory and advanced level courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)

List B

EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2408	Planetary geology (6)
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)

EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)	
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)	
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)	*(Note 1)*

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Geology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Requires approval to qualify for accredited pathway. EASC4999 Earth sciences project must have a significant 3D geological evolutionary component to meet Accredited Pathway requirements, as specified during our 2016 re-accreditation. Therefore, each EASC4999 project intended to qualify for the Accredited Pathway must be approved by the Geology major coordinator as satisfying this requirement. This policy is effective for all projects starting in 2017 and after.

3. In the list of disciplinary elective courses, three of them are introductory level courses while the others are advanced level courses. If students take all advanced level courses in the list, the total number of introductory level courses is 54 credits while that of advanced level courses is 90 credits. If students take 3 introductory level courses in the list and 2 advanced level courses, the total number of introductory level courses is 72 credits and that of advanced level courses is 72 credits.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:
To provide an education in Geology which meets the current minimum requirements of the Geological Society of London for accreditation.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Geology
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (150 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 to 72 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2409	Regional field studies (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (72 to 90 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses (54 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)	*(Note 2)*

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from the following introductory and advanced level courses in List A, List B and List C, among which at least 6 credits from List A and at least 6 credits from List C:

List A

EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)

List B

EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2408	Planetary geology (6)
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)	
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)	
List C		
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)	*(Note 1)*

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Geology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Requires approval to qualify for accredited pathway. EASC4999 Earth sciences project must have a significant 3D geological evolutionary component to meet Accredited Pathway requirements, as specified during our 2016 re-accreditation. Therefore, each EASC4999 project intended to qualify for the Accredited Pathway must be approved by the Geology major coordinator as satisfying this requirement. This policy is effective for all projects starting in 2017 and after.

3. In the list of disciplinary elective courses, three of them are introductory level courses while the others are advanced level courses. If students take all advanced level courses in the list, the total number of introductory level courses is 54 credits while that of advanced level courses is 90 credits. If students take 3 introductory level courses in the list and 3 advanced level courses, the total number of introductory level courses is 72 credits and that of advanced level courses is 72 credits.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:
To provide an education in Geology which meets the current minimum requirements of the Geological Society of London for accreditation.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Geology
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (150 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 to 72 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2409	Regional field studies (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (72 to 90 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses (54 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)	*(Note 2)*

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits selected from the following introductory and advanced level courses in List A, List B and List C, among which at least 6 credits from List A and at least 6 credits from List C:

List A

EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)

List B

EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2408	Planetary geology (6)
EASC2410	Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)	
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)	
List C		
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)	*May take either EASC3409 or EASC3420 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)	*(Note 1)*

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Geology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Requires approval to qualify for accredited pathway. EASC4999 Earth sciences project must have a significant 3D geological evolutionary component to meet Accredited Pathway requirements, as specified during our 2016 re-accreditation. Therefore, each EASC4999 project intended to qualify for the Accredited Pathway must be approved by the Geology major coordinator as satisfying this requirement. This policy is effective for all projects starting in 2017 and after.

3. In the list of disciplinary elective courses, three of them are introductory level courses while the others are advanced level courses. If students take all advanced level courses in the list, the total number of introductory level courses is 54 credits while that of advanced level courses is 90 credits. If students take 3 introductory level courses in the list and 3 advanced level courses, the total number of introductory level courses is 72 credits and that of advanced level courses is 72 credits.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:
To provide an education in Geology which meets the current minimum requirements of the Geological Society of London for accreditation.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Geology
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (150 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 to 66 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2409	Regional field studies (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (78 to 90 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses (60 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)	*(Note 2)*

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following introductory and advanced level courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)

List B

EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
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EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)	
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)	*(Note 1)*

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Geology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Requires approval to qualify for accredited pathway. EASC4999 Earth sciences project must have a significant 3D geological evolutionary component to meet Accredited Pathway requirements, as specified during our 2016 re-accreditation. Therefore, each EASC4999 project intended to qualify for the Accredited Pathway must be approved by the Geology major coordinator as satisfying this requirement. This policy is effective for all projects starting in 2017 and after.

3. In the list of disciplinary elective courses, two of them are introductory level courses while the others are advanced level courses. If students take all advanced level courses in the list, the total number of introductory level courses is 54 credits while that of advanced level courses is 90 credits. If students take 2 introductory level courses in the list and 3 advanced level courses, the total number of introductory level courses is 66 credits and that of advanced level courses is 78 credits.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:
To provide an education in Geology which meets the current minimum requirements of the Geological Society of London for accreditation.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Geology
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (150 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 to 66 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2409	Regional field studies (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (78 to 90 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses (60 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)	*(Note 2)*

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following introductory and advanced level courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)

List B

EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2408	Planetary geology (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)	
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)	*(Note 1)*

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Geology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Requires approval to qualify for accredited pathway. EASC4999 Earth sciences project must have a significant 3D geological evolutionary component to meet Accredited Pathway requirements, as specified during our 2016 re-accreditation. Therefore, each EASC4999 project intended to qualify for the Accredited Pathway must be approved by the Geology major coordinator as satisfying this requirement. This policy is effective for all projects starting in 2017 and after.

3. In the list of disciplinary elective courses, two of them are introductory level courses while the others are advanced level courses. If students take all advanced level courses in the list, the total number of introductory level courses is 54 credits while that of advanced level courses is 90 credits. If students take 2 introductory level courses in the list and 3 advanced level courses, the total number of introductory level courses is 66 credits and that of advanced level courses is 78 credits.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Geology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:
To provide an education in Geology which meets the current minimum requirements of the Geological Society of London for accreditation.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and apply key concepts in the conventional areas of the geosciences, covering the areas of physical geology, historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geophysics, structural geology, tectonics and petrogenesis, and earth resources (by means of coursework, laboratory-based, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have acquired the ability to make observation, description, measurement and analysis of common geological features in the field, conduct geological mapping as well as undertake independent geological study, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of both local and overseas residential field learning experience)

PLO 3 : communicate scientific concepts and critically discuss aspects of contemporary issues pertaining to earth sciences, environments and resources (by means of capstone, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : have gained some insight to the real-life industrial environment and developed connections within the geosciences profession (by means of internship opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : work with others in an effective manner and have learned to accept and appreciate different cultures (by means of group project learning, field learning experience in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Geology
Minor in Earth Sciences

Required courses (150 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (54 to 66 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2402	Field and laboratory methods (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2406	Geochemistry (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2407	Mineralogy (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC2409	Regional field studies (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (78 to 90 credits) (Note 1)

Disciplinary Core Courses (60 credits)

EASC3402	Petrology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)	
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)	*(Note 1)*
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)	
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)	*(Note 2)*

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following introductory and advanced level courses in List A and List B, among which at least 6 credits from List A:

List A

EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)

List B

EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)
EASC2408	Planetary geology (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)

EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)	
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)	
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)	*(Note 1)*

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Geology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Requires approval to qualify for accredited pathway. EASC4999 Earth sciences project must have a significant 3D geological evolutionary component to meet Accredited Pathway requirements, as specified during our 2016 re-accreditation. Therefore, each EASC4999 project intended to qualify for the Accredited Pathway must be approved by the Geology major coordinator as satisfying this requirement. This policy is effective for all projects starting in 2017 and after.

3. In the list of disciplinary elective courses, two of them are introductory level courses while the others are advanced level courses. If students take all advanced level courses in the list, the total number of introductory level courses is 54 credits while that of advanced level courses is 90 credits. If students take 2 introductory level courses in the list and 3 advanced level courses, the total number of introductory level courses is 66 credits and that of advanced level courses is 78 credits.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge and concepts in Mathematics and elective courses provide training in both pure and applied aspects of Mathematics. Throughout the curriculum there is also emphasis on experiential learning through guided studies, projects, seminars and summer internships. With the diversity of courses offered in the major, various specializations are available. These will lead to careers in a wide range of sectors including education, economics and finance, analytics and data science, logistics, management, research and further studies.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present fundamental concepts in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to different areas of Sciences, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language and present scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH3401	Analysis I (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits advanced level Mathematics courses (MATH3XXX or MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level), of which at least 12 credits are selected from List A and at least 12 credits should be from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirements.The current list includes courses in List A, List B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements, but excluding MATH4966 Mathematics Internship.

List A

MATH3301	Algebra I (6)
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

List B

MATH3001	Development of mathematical ideas (6)
MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)
MATH3303	Matrix theory and its applications (6)
MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)

MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge and concepts in Mathematics and elective courses provide training in both pure and applied aspects of Mathematics. Throughout the curriculum there is also emphasis on experiential learning through guided studies, projects, seminars and summer internships. With the diversity of courses offered in the major, various specializations are available. These will lead to careers in a wide range of sectors including education, economics and finance, analytics and data science, logistics, management, research and further studies.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present fundamental concepts in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to different areas of Sciences, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language and present scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH3401	Analysis I (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits advanced level Mathematics courses (MATH3XXX or MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level), of which at least 12 credits are selected from List A and at least 12 credits should be from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirements.The current list includes courses in List A, List B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements, but excluding MATH4966 Mathematics Internship.

List A

MATH3301	Algebra I (6)
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

List B

MATH3001	Development of mathematical ideas (6)
MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)
MATH3303	Matrix theory and its applications (6)
MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)

MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

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- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge and concepts in Mathematics and elective courses provide training in both pure and applied aspects of Mathematics. Throughout the curriculum there is also emphasis on experiential learning through guided studies, projects, seminars and summer internships. With the diversity of courses offered in the major, various specializations are available. These will lead to careers in a wide range of sectors including education, economics and finance, analytics and data science, logistics, management, research and further studies.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present fundamental concepts in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to different areas of Sciences, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language and present scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

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PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

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MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
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MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH3401	Analysis I (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits advanced level Mathematics courses (MATH3XXX or MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level), of which at least 12 credits are selected from List A and at least 12 credits should be from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirements.The current list includes courses in List A, List B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements, but excluding MATH4966 Mathematics Internship.

List A

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MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

List B

MATH3001	Development of mathematical ideas (6)
MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)
MATH3303	Matrix theory and its applications (6)
MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)

MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

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2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge and concepts in Mathematics and elective courses provide training in both pure and applied aspects of Mathematics. Throughout the curriculum there is also emphasis on experiential learning through guided studies, projects, seminars and summer internships. With the diversity of courses offered in the major, various specializations are available. These will lead to careers in a wide range of sectors including education, economics and finance, analytics and data science, logistics, management, research and further studies.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present fundamental concepts in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to different areas of Sciences, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language and present scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH3401	Analysis I (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits advanced level Mathematics courses (MATH3XXX or MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level), of which at least 12 credits are selected from List A and at least 12 credits should be from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirements.The current list includes courses in List A, List B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements, but excluding MATH4966 Mathematics Internship.

List A

MATH3301	Algebra I (6)
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

List B

MATH3001	Development of mathematical ideas (6)
MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)
MATH3303	Matrix theory and its applications (6)
MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)

MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge and concepts in Mathematics and elective courses provide training in both pure and applied aspects of Mathematics. Throughout the curriculum there is also emphasis on experiential learning through guided studies, projects, seminars and summer internships. With the diversity of courses offered in the major, various specializations are available. These will lead to careers in a wide range of sectors including education, economics and finance, analytics and data science, logistics, management, research and further studies.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present fundamental concepts in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to different areas of Sciences, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

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PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH3401	Analysis I (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits advanced level Mathematics courses (MATH3XXX or MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level), of which at least 12 credits are selected from List A and at least 12 credits should be from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirements.The current list includes courses in List A, List B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements, but excluding MATH4966 Mathematics Internship.

List A

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MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
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List B

MATH3001	Development of mathematical ideas (6)
MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)
MATH3303	Matrix theory and its applications (6)
MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)

MATH4302	Algebra II (6)	
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	
MATH4501	Geometry (6)	
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)	
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)	
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)	
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)	
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)	
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)	
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)	
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)	
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge and concepts in Mathematics and elective courses provide training in both pure and applied aspects of Mathematics. Throughout the curriculum there is also emphasis on experiential learning through guided studies, projects, seminars and summer internships. With the diversity of courses offered in the major, various specializations are available. These will lead to careers in a wide range of sectors including education, economics and finance, analytics and data science, logistics, management, research and further studies.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
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MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH3401	Analysis I (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits advanced level Mathematics courses (MATH3XXX or MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level), of which at least 12 credits are selected from List A and at least 12 credits should be from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirements.The current list includes courses in List A, List B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements, but excluding MATH4966 Mathematics Internship.

List A

MATH3301	Algebra I (6)
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
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List B

MATH3001	Development of mathematical ideas (6)
MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)
MATH3303	Matrix theory and its applications (6)
MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)

MATH4302	Algebra II (6)	
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	
MATH4501	Geometry (6)	
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)	
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)	
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)	
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)	
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)	
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)	
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)	
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)	
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental knowledge and concepts in Mathematics and elective courses provide training in both pure and applied aspects of Mathematics. Throughout the curriculum there is also emphasis on experiential learning through guided studies, projects, seminars and summer internships. With the diversity of courses offered in the major, various specializations are available. These will lead to careers in a wide range of sectors including education, economics and finance, analytics and data science, logistics, management, research and further studies.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present fundamental concepts in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the major or minor curriculum)

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PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

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Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

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List B

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MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)

MATH4302	Algebra II (6)	
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	
MATH4501	Geometry (6)	
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)	
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)	
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)	
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)	
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)	
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)	
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)	
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)	
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize a firm foundation in Mathematics. The strong emphasis on experiential learning in guided studies, projects, seminars or summer internships provides more opportunities for students to carry out research based studies and to develop their expertise. Graduates are expected to have strong academic ability to pursue graduate studies or professional careers that require in-depth mathematical training.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present a variety of concepts and theories in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to handle research-style questions, scrutinize problems, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language, and present mathematical ideas and scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (84 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (60 credits)

MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)	
MATH3301	Algebra I (6)	
MATH3401	Analysis I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)	
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)	
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

Select Stream (A) or Stream (B):

(A) Pure Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

(B) Applied Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Mathematics Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize a firm foundation in Mathematics. The strong emphasis on experiential learning in guided studies, projects, seminars or summer internships provides more opportunities for students to carry out research based studies and to develop their expertise. Graduates are expected to have strong academic ability to pursue graduate studies or professional careers that require in-depth mathematical training.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present a variety of concepts and theories in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to handle research-style questions, scrutinize problems, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language, and present mathematical ideas and scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (84 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (60 credits)

MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)	
MATH3301	Algebra I (6)	
MATH3401	Analysis I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)	
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)	
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

Select Stream (A) or Stream (B):

(A) Pure Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

(B) Applied Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Mathematics Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize a firm foundation in Mathematics. The strong emphasis on experiential learning in guided studies, projects, seminars or summer internships provides more opportunities for students to carry out research based studies and to develop their expertise. Graduates are expected to have strong academic ability to pursue graduate studies or professional careers that require in-depth mathematical training.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present a variety of concepts and theories in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to handle research-style questions, scrutinize problems, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language, and present mathematical ideas and scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (84 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (60 credits)

MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)	
MATH3301	Algebra I (6)	
MATH3401	Analysis I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)	
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)	
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

Select Stream (A) or Stream (B):

(A) Pure Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

(B) Applied Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Mathematics Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
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5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize a firm foundation in Mathematics. The strong emphasis on experiential learning in guided studies, projects, seminars or summer internships provides more opportunities for students to carry out research based studies and to develop their expertise. Graduates are expected to have strong academic ability to pursue graduate studies or professional careers that require in-depth mathematical training.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present a variety of concepts and theories in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language, and present mathematical ideas and scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
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Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Note 1)*
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MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (84 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (60 credits)

MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)	
MATH3301	Algebra I (6)	
MATH3401	Analysis I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)	
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)	
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)	
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Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

Select Stream (A) or Stream (B):

(A) Pure Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
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MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

(B) Applied Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Mathematics Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

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- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize a firm foundation in Mathematics. The strong emphasis on experiential learning in guided studies, projects, seminars or summer internships provides more opportunities for students to carry out research based studies and to develop their expertise. Graduates are expected to have strong academic ability to pursue graduate studies or professional careers that require in-depth mathematical training.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present a variety of concepts and theories in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to handle research-style questions, scrutinize problems, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language, and present mathematical ideas and scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (84 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (60 credits)

MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)	
MATH3301	Algebra I (6)	
MATH3401	Analysis I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)	
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)	
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

Select Stream (A) or Stream (B):

(A) Pure Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

(B) Applied Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)	
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)	
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)	
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)	
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)	
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)	
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)	
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Mathematics Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize a firm foundation in Mathematics. The strong emphasis on experiential learning in guided studies, projects, seminars or summer internships provides more opportunities for students to carry out research based studies and to develop their expertise. Graduates are expected to have strong academic ability to pursue graduate studies or professional careers that require in-depth mathematical training.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present a variety of concepts and theories in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to handle research-style questions, scrutinize problems, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language, and present mathematical ideas and scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (84 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (60 credits)

MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)	
MATH3301	Algebra I (6)	
MATH3401	Analysis I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)	
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)	
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

Select Stream (A) or Stream (B):

(A) Pure Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

(B) Applied Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)	
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)	
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)	
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)	
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)	
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)	
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)	
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Mathematics Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Intensive Major in Mathematics provides students with a solid and comprehensive undergraduate education in the subject. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize a firm foundation in Mathematics. The strong emphasis on experiential learning in guided studies, projects, seminars or summer internships provides more opportunities for students to carry out research based studies and to develop their expertise. Graduates are expected to have strong academic ability to pursue graduate studies or professional careers that require in-depth mathematical training.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and present a variety of concepts and theories in mathematics (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical theory and techniques to handle research-style questions, scrutinize problems, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and learning activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in mathematical language, and present mathematical ideas and scientific arguments (by means of coursework, seminars, guided studies and projects)

PLO 4 : collaborate and work with other students in an effective manner (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

PLO 5 : appreciate the beauty and power of mathematics (by means of guided studies, projects and seminars)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2102	Linear algebra II (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH2241	Introduction to mathematical analysis (6)	*(Note 1)*

2. Advanced level courses (84 credits)

Disciplinary Core Course (60 credits)

MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)	
MATH3301	Algebra I (6)	
MATH3401	Analysis I (6)	*(Note 1)*
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)	
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)	
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)	
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)	
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

Select Stream (A) or Stream (B):

(A) Pure Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)
MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)

(B) Applied Mathematics (at least 24 credits with 12 credits from MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level, subject to pre-requisite requirement)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)

MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)	
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)	
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)	
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)	
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3999	Directed studies in mathematics (6)
MATH4910	Senior mathematics seminar (6)
MATH4911	Mathematics capstone project (6)
MATH4966	Mathematics internship (6)
MATH4999	Mathematics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Mathematics Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major offers specialized training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply laboratory techniques essential to modern molecular science (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in written and oral communication skills and collaborate with other students effectively (by means of coursework, research-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : acquire scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills, including the ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate debated problems in the field and develop solutions, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : gain insights into real-life experience in the applications of biotechnology for human health, agriculture, and the environment (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and experiential learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL3414	Plant stress biology and climate change (6)
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)

BIOL4409	General virology (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3993	Directed studies in molecular biology & biotechnology (6)
BIOL4963	Molecular biology & biotechnology internship (6)
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

5. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major offers specialized training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : communicate in written and oral communication skills and collaborate with other students effectively (by means of coursework, research-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : acquire scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills, including the ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate debated problems in the field and develop solutions, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : gain insights into real-life experience in the applications of biotechnology for human health, agriculture, and the environment (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and experiential learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)
BIOL4409	General virology (6)

BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3993	Directed studies in molecular biology & biotechnology (6)
BIOL4963	Molecular biology & biotechnology internship (6)
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major offers specialized training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

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Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

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Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Required courses (96 credits)

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Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

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Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

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Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

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BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major offers specialized training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply laboratory techniques essential to modern molecular science (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in written and oral communication skills and collaborate with other students effectively (by means of coursework, research-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : acquire scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills, including the ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate debated problems in the field and develop solutions, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : gain insights into real-life experience in the applications of biotechnology for human health, agriculture, and the environment (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and experiential learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*Take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*Take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 6 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)	
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)	
BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)	

BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 24 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	
BIOL4409	General virology (6)	
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)	
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)	
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3993	Directed studies in molecular biology & biotechnology (6)
BIOL4963	Molecular biology & biotechnology internship (6)
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major aims to provide comprehensive training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

The intensive major involves additional coursework and research/capstone experience. It is designed for students with interest on a fuller scope of the discipline or planning to pursue research studies for a higher degree in any area of life science.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, for the purpose of meeting in part the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol).

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply laboratory techniques essential to modern molecular science (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in written and oral communication skills and collaborate with other students effectively (by means of coursework, research-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : acquire scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills, including the ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate debated problems in the field and develop solutions, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : gain insights into real-life experience in the applications of biotechnology for human health, agriculture, and the environment (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and experiential learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : equip with knowledges in chemistry, mathematics, statistics, or computer programming, with sufficient depth and breadth to apply these knowledges within a biological context (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : solve a scientific question empirically by designing and implementing experiments, learning new experimental skills and tackling experimental errors, reporting results unbiasedly and systematically (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (66 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Plus at least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
2. Advanced level courses (66 credits)		
Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)		
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3414	Plant stress biology and climate change (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)	
Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)		
Plus at least 30 credits selected from the following courses:		
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)	
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)	
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	
BIOL4409	General virology (6)	
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)	
3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)		
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)	

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

4. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major aims to provide comprehensive training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

The intensive major involves additional coursework and research/capstone experience. It is designed for students with interest on a fuller scope of the discipline or planning to pursue research studies for a higher degree in any area of life science.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, for the purpose of meeting in part the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol).

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply laboratory techniques essential to modern molecular science (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in written and oral communication skills and collaborate with other students effectively (by means of coursework, research-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : acquire scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills, including the ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate debated problems in the field and develop solutions, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : gain insights into real-life experience in the applications of biotechnology for human health, agriculture, and the environment (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and experiential learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : equip with knowledges in chemistry, mathematics, statistics, or computer programming, with sufficient depth and breadth to apply these knowledges within a biological context (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : solve a scientific question empirically by designing and implementing experiments, learning new experimental skills and tackling experimental errors, reporting results unbiasedly and systematically (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6)	
BIOL2414	Plant Adaptation to Climate Change (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Plus at least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

Plus at least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)
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BIOL4409	General virology (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

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3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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4. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

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Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

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BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 48 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Plus at least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
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2. Advanced level courses (60 credits)		
Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)		
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)	*(Note 1)*
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BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
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Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)		
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BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	
BIOL4409	General virology (6)	
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)	
3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)		
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)	

Notes:

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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

4. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major aims to provide comprehensive training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

The intensive major involves additional coursework and research/capstone experience. It is designed for students with interest on a fuller scope of the discipline or planning to pursue research studies for a higher degree in any area of life science.

This intensive major has been accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, for the purpose of meeting in part the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol).

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply laboratory techniques essential to modern molecular science (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in written and oral communication skills and collaborate with other students effectively (by means of coursework, research-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : acquire scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills, including the ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate debated problems in the field and develop solutions, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : gain insights into real-life experience in the applications of biotechnology for human health, agriculture, and the environment (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and experiential learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : equip with knowledges in chemistry, mathematics, statistics, or computer programming, with sufficient depth and breadth to apply these knowledges within a biological context (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 7 : solve a scientific question empirically by designing and implementing experiments, learning new experimental skills and tackling experimental errors, reporting results unbiasedly and systematically (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (66 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 42 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6)	
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Plus at least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
2. Advanced level courses (66 credits)		
Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)		
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)	
Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)		
Plus at least 36 credits selected from the following courses:		
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)	
BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)	
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	
BIOL4409	General virology (6)	
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)	
3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)		
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)	

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

4. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major aims to provide comprehensive training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

The intensive major involves additional coursework and research/capstone experience. It is designed for students with interest on a fuller scope of the discipline or planning to pursue research studies for a higher degree in any area of life science.

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply laboratory techniques essential to modern molecular science (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate in written and oral communication skills and collaborate with other students effectively (by means of coursework, research-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : acquire scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills, including the ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate debated problems in the field and develop solutions, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : gain insights into real-life experience in the applications of biotechnology for human health, agriculture, and the environment (by means of coursework, laboratory-based and experiential learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : equip with knowledges in chemistry, mathematics, statistics, or computer programming, with sufficient depth and breadth to apply these knowledges within a biological context (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (66 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 42 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 42 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Plus at least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2408	Green earth-plants and mankind (6)	
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
2. Advanced level courses (66 credits)		
Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)		
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)	
Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)		
Plus at least 36 credits selected from the following courses:		
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)	
BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)	
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	
BIOL4409	General virology (6)	
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)	
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)	
3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)		
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)	

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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4. As this curriculum is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), students must follow the curriculum in full (i.e. no replacement courses are possible) in order to graduate with this accredited programme.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major aims to provide comprehensive training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

The intensive major involves additional coursework and research/capstone experience. It is designed for students with interest on a fuller scope of the discipline or planning to pursue research studies for a higher degree in any area of life science.

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe key concepts in molecular biology and modern biotechnology using knowledge from cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, omics and systems biology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based and/or research-based opportunities in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (66 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
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Disciplinary Core Courses (42 credits)

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	*(Note 1)*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
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BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 42 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*
BIOL2409	Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 42 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive. (Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Plus at least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOL2408	Green earth-plants and mankind (6)	
COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1011	University mathematics I (6)	
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2. Advanced level courses (66 credits)		
Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)		
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)	
Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)		
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BIOL3408	Genetics (6)	
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
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BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)	
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3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)		
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)	

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

Recent advancements in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have not only cracked important and fundamental problems in life sciences, but also emerged as a mainstay of science and technologies of the 21st century. Innovations from advances in these fields have substantially transformed our daily lives, society and environment. This Major aims to provide comprehensive training in state-of-the-art molecular and cell biology, and in the translation of basic knowledge into modern industrial and medical applications. Students will be able to gain an understanding of cutting edge molecular biology and biotechnological applications, ranging from exploitation of bioactive substances, genetic engineering for agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture, biomedical researches for pharmaceutical and clinical purposes, biofuels as alternative energy sources, bioremediation for cleaning up contaminated environments, and wastewater treatment. Built upon a sound theoretical foundation, students will further develop various essential skills in molecular biology and biotechnology through hands-on laboratory trainings and experimental biology-based projects. A feature of this major is to provide key transferable skills by engaging students in inquiry, critical thinking, and problem solving in their learning.

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biological Sciences
Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive)
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Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (66 credits)

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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Plus at least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)	*(Note 1)*
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)	
Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)		
Plus at least 36 credits selected from the following courses:		
BIOL3107	Plant physiology (6)	*Take either BIOL3107 or ENVS3202 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3107 and ENVS3202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)	
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)	
BIOL3406	Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)	
BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6)	*Take either BIOL3406 or BIOL3416 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3406 and BIOL3416 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*Take either BIOL3107 or ENVS3202 to fulfill this 36 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3107 and ENVS3202 are mutually exclusive. [previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)	
BIOL4409	General virology (6)	
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)	
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)	
3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)		
BIOL4993	Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12)	

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Major (96 credits) curriculum.

Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics (Intensive)
Minor in Physics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (42credits)

At least 24 credits selected from courses in List A:

List A

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)

Plus at least 18 credits of advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements.The current list includes courses in Lists A and B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List B

PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)

PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
PHYS4966	Physics internship (6)
PHYS4999	Physics project (12)

Notes:

Notes:

1. Students are strongly advised to consult departmental course selection advisors for course and career planning before selecting the courses.

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

5. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

6. Those who want to specialize in the astrophysics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3650 Observational astronomy, PHYS3653 Astrophysics, PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS4652 Planetary science, PHYS4653 Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4655 Interstellar medium, and PHYS4656 Advanced astrophysics, out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in astrophysics.

7. Those who want to specialize in the computational physics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3151 Machine learning in physics, PHYS4150 Computational physics, and PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in computational physics.

8. Those who want to specialize in the experimental physics theme should pass PHYS3760 Physics laboratory, plus any two of the following courses: PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS3750 Foundations of laser and spectroscopy, PHYS3850 Physical optics, PHYS3851 Atomic and nuclear physics, PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, and PHYS4850 Particle physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in experimental physics.

9. Those who want to specialize in the theoretical physics theme should pass any four of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3350 Classical mechanics, PHYS3351 Quantum mechanics, PHYS3450 Electromagnetism, PHYS3550 Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics, PHYS4351 Advanced quantum mechanics, PHYS4450 Advanced electromagnetism, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4850 Particle physics, PHYS7351 Graduate quantum mechanics, PHYS7450 Graduate electromagnetic field theory, PHYS7550 Graduate statistical mechanics out of which at least two must be 4000+ level courses, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in theoretical physics.

10. Upon prior approval, one may use PHYS4966 Physics internship to replace PHYS3999 Directed studies or PHYS4999 Physics project to fulfill the specialization in a theme.

11. No double counting is allowed if one wants to specialize in more than one theme. In this case, one is allowed to replace the PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project requirement in one of the theme specializations by a regular course in the same theme of specialization.

12. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)

- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

13. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:
Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Physics aims to provide students with a solid foundation on the subject. Core courses form the blocks of fundamental knowledge to pursue learning in specializations, e.g. quantum mechanics, statistical mechanics, classical mechanics and electrodynamics. A large selection of elective courses is provided for students to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale (i.e. subatomic particles) to the large scale (i.e. cosmology). Students will attain professional knowledge in physics, research experience and the training of analytical thinking and quantitative reasoning during their studies. Graduates are expected to have acquired the broad training which can equip them well for further studies in multiple science and technology disciplines and to work in their specialized area.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics (Intensive)
Minor in Physics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (42credits)

At least 24 credits selected from courses in List A:

List A

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PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
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Plus at least 18 credits of advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements.The current list includes courses in Lists A and B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List B

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PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
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Notes:

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Major Title	Major in Physics
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PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	
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PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
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PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
PHYS4966	Physics internship (6)
PHYS4999	Physics project (12)

Notes:

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13. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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Major Title	Major in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics (Intensive)
Minor in Physics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (42credits)

At least 24 credits selected from courses in List A:

List A

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)

Plus at least 18 credits of advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements.The current list includes courses in Lists A and B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List B

PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)

PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
PHYS4966	Physics internship (6)
PHYS4999	Physics project (12)

Notes:

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1. Students are strongly advised to consult departmental course selection advisors for course and career planning before selecting the courses.

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5. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

6. Those who want to specialize in the astrophysics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3650 Observational astronomy, PHYS3653 Astrophysics, PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS4652 Planetary science, PHYS4653 Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4655 Interstellar medium, and PHYS4656 Advanced astrophysics, out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in astrophysics.

7. Those who want to specialize in the computational physics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3151 Machine learning in physics, PHYS4150 Computational physics, and PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in computational physics.

8. Those who want to specialize in the experimental physics theme should pass PHYS3760 Physics laboratory, plus any two of the following courses: PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS3750 Foundations of laser and spectroscopy, PHYS3850 Physical optics, PHYS3851 Atomic and nuclear physics, PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, and PHYS4850 Particle physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in experimental physics.

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10. Upon prior approval, one may use PHYS4966 Physics internship to replace PHYS3999 Directed studies or PHYS4999 Physics project to fulfill the specialization in a theme.

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Major Title	Major in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

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Required courses (96 credits)

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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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At least 24 credits selected from courses in List A:

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List B

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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

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Notes:

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Major Title	Major in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

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- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Physics aims to provide students with a solid foundation on the subject. Core courses form the blocks of fundamental knowledge to pursue learning in specializations, e.g. quantum mechanics, statistical mechanics, classical mechanics and electrodynamics. A large selection of elective courses is provided for students to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale (i.e. subatomic particles) to the large scale (i.e. cosmology). Students will attain professional knowledge in physics, research experience and the training of analytical thinking and quantitative reasoning during their studies. Graduates are expected to have acquired the broad training which can equip them well for further studies in multiple science and technology disciplines and to work in their specialized area.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe physical systems with their professional knowledge (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have developed their scientific intuition, abilities and techniques to tackle problems either theoretical or experimental in nature (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory works in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : analyze problems qualitatively and quantitatively, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and research-based projects in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : communicate and collaborate effectively with people of different background, culture, gender and nationality in scientific issues (by means of group projects, tutorial sessions and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : apply scientific and quantitative methods in tackling problems in research or real-world setting (by means of projects, directed studies, local and foreign internships attached to universities, research centers, government bodies, NGOs and influential companies)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics (Intensive)
Minor in Physics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)

2. Advanced level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (42credits)

At least 24 credits selected from courses in List A:

List A

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)

Plus at least 18 credits of advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements.The current list includes courses in Lists A and B and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List B

PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)	
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)	
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	*[previous title: Laser and spectroscopy (6)]*
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	*[previous title: Waves and optics (6)]*
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)	

PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	*[previous title: Cosmology (6)]*
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	*[previous title: Graduate electromagnetism (6)]*
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
PHYS4966	Physics internship (6)
PHYS4999	Physics project (12)

Notes:

Notes:

1. Students are strongly advised to consult departmental course selection advisors for course and career planning before selecting the courses.

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses ("disciplinary core") in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary electives) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

5. Capstone requirement for BEd&BSc degree students is different. Students are required to take an additional 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary electives) in the major to replace the capstone requirement of this Major. Students should consult the Faculty of Education for details.

6. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

7. Those who want to specialize in the astrophysics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3650 Observational astronomy, PHYS3653 Astrophysics, PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS4652 Planetary science, PHYS4653 Cosmology, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4655 Interstellar medium, and PHYS4656 Advanced astrophysics, out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in astrophysics.

8. Those who want to specialize in the computational physics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3151 Machine learning in physics, PHYS4150 Computational physics, and PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in computational physics.

9. Those who want to specialize in the experimental physics theme should pass PHYS3760 Physics laboratory, plus any two of the following courses: PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS3750 Laser and spectroscopy, PHYS3850 Physical optics, PHYS3851 Atomic and nuclear physics, PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, and PHYS4850 Particle physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in experimental physics.

10. Those who want to specialize in the theoretical physics theme should pass any four of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3350 Classical mechanics, PHYS3351 Quantum mechanics, PHYS3450 Electromagnetism, PHYS3550 Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics, PHYS4351 Advanced quantum mechanics, PHYS4450 Advanced electromagnetism, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4850 Particle physics, PHYS7351 Graduate quantum mechanics, PHYS7450 Graduate electromagnetism, PHYS7550 Graduate statistical mechanics out of which at least two must be 4000+ level courses, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in theoretical physics.

11. Upon prior approval, one may use PHYS4966 Physics internship to replace PHYS3999 Directed studies or PHYS4999 Physics project to fulfill the specialization in a theme.

12. No double counting is allowed if one wants to specialize in more than one theme. In this case, one is allowed to replace the PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project requirement in one of the theme specializations by a regular course in the same theme of specialization.

Remarks:
Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Physics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Major in Physics (Intensive) aims to provide students with a solid foundation on the subject in breadth and depth. It covers a wide range of core areas which provides the intensive preparation to pursue learning in specializations, e.g. quantum mechanics, statistical mechanics, classical mechanics and electrodynamics. A large selection of elective courses is provided for students to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale (i.e. subatomic particles) to the large scale (i.e. cosmology). Students will attain professional knowledge and competencies in physics and research experience plus the training of analytical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and problem solving methods during their studies. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in physics and related disciplines and to pursue careers in scientific or technical fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe physical systems with their professional knowledge (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have developed their scientific intuition, abilities and techniques to tackle problems either theoretical or experimental in nature (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory works in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : analyze problems qualitatively and quantitatively based on a broad foundation of theoretical and experimental knowledge in physics, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and research-based projects in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : communicate and collaborate with people of different background, culture, gender and nationality effectively in scientific issues (by means of group project, tutorial session, presentation, exchange, internship and capstone opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : apply scientific and quantitative methods in tackling problems in research or real-world setting in an advanced level which can position them to pursue postgraduate studies in scientific and technical fields (by means of projects, directed studies, local and foreign internships attached to universities, research centers, government bodies, NGOs and influential companies)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics
Minor in Physics

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)	
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)	
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)	
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)	
PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Noted 2)*
PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)	
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)	
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)	
SDST1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

All 24 credits advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), of which at least 6 credits are selected from List A, subject to prerequisite requirements. The current list includes courses in List A and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List A

PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)

List B

PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
PHYS4966	Physics internship (6)
PHYS4999	Physics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Physics-Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or pass in MATH1009 or MATH1011 to take MATH1013.

3. Students are strongly advised to consult departmental course selection advisors for course and career planning before selecting the courses.

4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

5. Those who want to specialize in the astrophysics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3650 Observational astronomy, PHYS3653 Astrophysics, PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS4652 Planetary science, PHYS4653 Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4655 Interstellar medium, and PHYS4656 Advanced astrophysics, out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in astrophysics.

6. Those who want to specialize in the computational physics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3151 Machine learning in physics, PHYS4150 Computational physics, and PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in computational physics.

7. Those who want to specialize in the experimental physics theme should pass PHYS3760 Physics laboratory, plus any two of the following courses: PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS3750 Foundations of laser and spectroscopy, PHYS3850 Physical optics, PHYS3851 Atomic and nuclear physics, PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, and PHYS4850 Particle physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in experimental physics.

8. Those who want to specialize in the theoretical physics theme should pass any four of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3350 Classical mechanics, PHYS3351 Quantum mechanics, PHYS3450 Electromagnetism, PHYS3550 Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics, PHYS4351 Advanced quantum mechanics, PHYS4450 Advanced electromagnetism, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4850 Particle physics, PHYS7351 Graduate quantum mechanics, PHYS7450 Graduate electromagnetic field theory, PHYS7550 Graduate statistical mechanics out of which at least two must be 4000+ level courses, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in theoretical physics.

9. Upon prior approval, one may use PHYS4966 Physics internship to replace PHYS3999 Directed studies or PHYS4999 Physics project to fulfill the specialization in a theme.

10. No double counting is allowed if one wants to specialize in more than one theme. In this case, one is allowed to replace the PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project requirement in one of the theme specializations by a regular course in the same theme of specialization.

11. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

12. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are

exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Physics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Physics (Intensive) aims to provide students with a solid foundation on the subject in breadth and depth. It covers a wide range of core areas which provides the intensive preparation to pursue learning in specializations, e.g. quantum mechanics, statistical mechanics, classical mechanics and electrodynamics. A large selection of elective courses is provided for students to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale (i.e. subatomic particles) to the large scale (i.e. cosmology). Students will attain professional knowledge and competencies in physics and research experience plus the training of analytical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and problem solving methods during their studies. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in physics and related disciplines and to pursue careers in scientific or technical fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe physical systems with their professional knowledge (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

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PLO 5 : apply scientific and quantitative methods in tackling problems in research or real-world setting in an advanced level which can position them to pursue postgraduate studies in scientific and technical fields (by means of projects, directed studies, local and foreign internships attached to universities, research centers, government bodies, NGOs and influential companies)

Impermissible Combinations:

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Minor in Physics

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

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SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)	
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)	
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)	
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)	
PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	*(Note 2)*
PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)	
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)	
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)	
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

All 24 credits advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), of which at least 6 credits are selected from List A, subject to prerequisite requirements. The current list includes courses in List A and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List A

PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)

List B

PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)	
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)	
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
PHYS4966	Physics internship (6)
PHYS4999	Physics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Physics-Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students must have level 2 or above Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or pass in MATH1009 or MATH1011 to take MATH1013.

3. Students are strongly advised to consult departmental course selection advisors for course and career planning before selecting the courses.

4. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

5. Those who want to specialize in the astrophysics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3650 Observational astronomy, PHYS3653 Astrophysics, PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS4652 Planetary science, PHYS4653 Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4655 Interstellar medium, and PHYS4656 Advanced astrophysics, out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in astrophysics.

6. Those who want to specialize in the computational physics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3151 Machine learning in physics, PHYS4150 Computational physics, and PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in computational physics.

7. Those who want to specialize in the experimental physics theme should pass PHYS3760 Physics laboratory, plus any two of the following courses: PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS3750 Foundations of laser and spectroscopy, PHYS3850 Physical optics, PHYS3851 Atomic and nuclear physics, PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, and PHYS4850 Particle physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in experimental physics.

8. Those who want to specialize in the theoretical physics theme should pass any four of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3350 Classical mechanics, PHYS3351 Quantum mechanics, PHYS3450 Electromagnetism, PHYS3550 Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics, PHYS4351 Advanced quantum mechanics, PHYS4450 Advanced electromagnetism, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4850 Particle physics, PHYS7351 Graduate quantum mechanics, PHYS7450 Graduate electromagnetic field theory, PHYS7550 Graduate statistical mechanics out of which at least two must be 4000+ level courses, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in theoretical physics.

9. Upon prior approval, one may use PHYS4966 Physics internship to replace PHYS3999 Directed studies or PHYS4999 Physics project to fulfill the specialization in a theme.

10. No double counting is allowed if one wants to specialize in more than one theme. In this case, one is allowed to replace the PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project requirement in one of the theme specializations by a regular course in the same theme of specialization.

11. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

12. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are

exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Physics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Major in Physics (Intensive) aims to provide students with a solid foundation on the subject in breadth and depth. It covers a wide range of core areas which provides the intensive preparation to pursue learning in specializations, e.g. quantum mechanics, statistical mechanics, classical mechanics and electrodynamics. A large selection of elective courses is provided for students to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale (i.e. subatomic particles) to the large scale (i.e. cosmology). Students will attain professional knowledge and competencies in physics and research experience plus the training of analytical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and problem solving methods during their studies. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in physics and related disciplines and to pursue careers in scientific or technical fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
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Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

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PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)	
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PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)	
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PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)	*(Note 1)*
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
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2. Advanced level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

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PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

All 24 credits should be advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current list includes courses in List A and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List A

PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)
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PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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Notes:

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3. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

4. Those who want to specialize in the astrophysics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3650 Observational astronomy, PHYS3653 Astrophysics, PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS4652 Planetary science, PHYS4653 Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4655 Interstellar medium, and PHYS4656 Advanced astrophysics, out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in astrophysics.

5. Those who want to specialize in the computational physics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3151 Machine learning in physics, PHYS4150 Computational physics, and PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in computational physics.

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7. Those who want to specialize in the theoretical physics theme should pass any four of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3350 Classical mechanics, PHYS3351 Quantum mechanics, PHYS3450 Electromagnetism, PHYS3550 Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics, PHYS4351 Advanced quantum mechanics, PHYS4450 Advanced electromagnetism, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4850 Particle physics, PHYS7351 Graduate quantum mechanics, PHYS7450 Graduate electromagnetic field theory, PHYS7550 Graduate statistical mechanics out of which at least two must be 4000+ level courses, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in theoretical physics.

8. Upon prior approval, one may use PHYS4966 Physics internship to replace PHYS3999 Directed studies or PHYS4999 Physics project to fulfill the specialization in a theme.

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Major Title	Major in Physics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

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PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)	
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)	
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)	
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)	
PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)

2. Advanced level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

All 24 credits should be advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current list includes courses in List A and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List A

PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)

PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	*[previous title: Laser and spectroscopy (6)]*
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	*[previous title: Cosmology (6)]*
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	*[previous title: Graduate electromagnetism (6)]*
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
PHYS4966	Physics internship (6)
PHYS4999	Physics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Physics-Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students are strongly advised to consult departmental course selection advisors for course and career planning before selecting the courses.

3. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

4. Those who want to specialize in the astrophysics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3650 Observational astronomy, PHYS3653 Astrophysics, PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS4652 Planetary science, PHYS4653 Cosmology, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4655 Interstellar medium, and PHYS4656 Advanced astrophysics, out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in astrophysics.

5. Those who want to specialize in the computational physics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3151 Machine learning in physics, PHYS4150 Computational physics, and PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in computational physics.

6. Those who want to specialize in the experimental physics theme should pass PHYS3760 Physics laboratory, plus any two of the following courses: PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS3750 Laser and spectroscopy, PHYS3850 Physical optics, PHYS3851 Atomic and nuclear physics, PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, and PHYS4850 Particle physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in experimental physics.

7. Those who want to specialize in the theoretical physics theme should pass any four of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3350 Classical mechanics, PHYS3351 Quantum mechanics, PHYS3450 Electromagnetism, PHYS3550 Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics, PHYS4351 Advanced quantum mechanics, PHYS4450 Advanced electromagnetism, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4850 Particle physics, PHYS7351 Graduate quantum mechanics, PHYS7450 Graduate electromagnetism, PHYS7550 Graduate statistical mechanics out of which at least two must be 4000+ level courses, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in theoretical physics.

8. Upon prior approval, one may use PHYS4966 Physics internship to replace PHYS3999 Directed studies or PHYS4999 Physics project to fulfill the specialization in a theme.

9. No double counting is allowed if one wants to specialize in more than one theme. In this case, one is allowed to replace the PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project requirement in one of the theme specializations by a regular course in the same theme of specialization.

10. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Physics (Intensive)
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Physics (Intensive) aims to provide students with a solid foundation on the subject in breadth and depth. It covers a wide range of core areas which provides the intensive preparation to pursue learning in specializations, e.g. quantum mechanics, statistical mechanics, classical mechanics and electrodynamics. A large selection of elective courses is provided for students to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale (i.e. subatomic particles) to the large scale (i.e. cosmology). Students will attain professional knowledge and competencies in physics and research experience plus the training of analytical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and problem solving methods during their studies. Graduates are expected to be well-prepared for further studies in physics and related disciplines and to pursue careers in scientific or technical fields.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe physical systems with their professional knowledge (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : have developed their scientific intuition, abilities and techniques to tackle problems either theoretical or experimental in nature (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory works in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : analyze problems qualitatively and quantitatively based on a broad foundation of theoretical and experimental knowledge in physics, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and research-based projects in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : communicate and collaborate with people of different background, culture, gender and nationality effectively in scientific issues (by means of group project, tutorial session, presentation, exchange, internship and capstone opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : apply scientific and quantitative methods in tackling problems in research or real-world setting in an advanced level which can position them to pursue postgraduate studies in scientific and technical fields (by means of projects, directed studies, local and foreign internships attached to universities, research centers, government bodies, NGOs and influential companies)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics
Minor in Physics

Required courses (144 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (72 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	*(Note 1)*
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Core Courses (48 credits)

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)	
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)	
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)	
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)	
PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)	*(Note 1)*
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)	*(Note 1)*

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

COMP1117	Computer programming (6)
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)

2. Advanced level courses (60 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (36 credits)

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

All 24 credits should be advanced level Physics courses (PHYS3XXX or PHYS4XXX or PHYS7XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current list includes courses in List A and those courses not selected to fulfill the capstone requirements.

List A

PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)

PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	*[previous title: Laser and spectroscopy (6)]*
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	*[previous title: Waves and optics (6)]*
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	*[previous title: Cosmology (6)]*
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	*[previous title: Graduate electromagnetism (6)]*
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	

3. Capstone requirement (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3999	Directed studies in physics (6)
PHYS4966	Physics internship (6)
PHYS4999	Physics project (12)

Notes:

1. These are core courses in the regular Physics-Major (96 credits) curriculum.

2. Students are strongly advised to consult departmental course selection advisors for course and career planning before selecting the courses.

3. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

4. Those who want to specialize in the astrophysics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3650 Observational astronomy, PHYS3653 Astrophysics, PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS4652 Planetary science, PHYS4653 Cosmology, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4655 Interstellar medium, and PHYS4656 Advanced astrophysics, out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in astrophysics.

5. Those who want to specialize in the computational physics theme should pass any three of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3151 Machine learning in physics, PHYS4150 Computational physics, and PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in computational physics.

6. Those who want to specialize in the experimental physics theme should pass PHYS3760 Physics laboratory, plus any two of the following courses: PHYS3660 Astronomy laboratory, PHYS3750 Laser and spectroscopy, PHYS3850 Physical optics, PHYS3851 Atomic and nuclear physics, PHYS4151 Data analysis and modeling in physics, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, and PHYS4850 Particle physics out of which at least one must be a 4000+ level course, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in experimental physics.

7. Those who want to specialize in the theoretical physics theme should pass any four of the following courses: PHYS3150 Theoretical physics, PHYS3350 Classical mechanics, PHYS3351 Quantum mechanics, PHYS3450 Electromagnetism, PHYS3550 Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics, PHYS4351 Advanced quantum mechanics, PHYS4450 Advanced electromagnetism, PHYS4551 Solid state physics, PHYS4654 General relativity, PHYS4850 Particle physics, PHYS7351 Graduate quantum mechanics, PHYS7450 Graduate electromagnetism, PHYS7550 Graduate statistical mechanics out of which at least two must be 4000+ level courses, as well as passing either PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project with topics of study in theoretical physics.

8. Upon prior approval, one may use PHYS4966 Physics internship to replace PHYS3999 Directed studies or PHYS4999 Physics project to fulfill the specialization in a theme.

9. No double counting is allowed if one wants to specialize in more than one theme. In this case, one is allowed to replace the PHYS3999 Directed studies in physics or PHYS4999 Physics project requirement in one of the theme specializations by a regular course in the same theme of specialization.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Risk Management aims to provide students with the skills and expertise in the theory and methodology behind the scientific process of risk management, with application to actuarial science, finance and other related areas of interest. It is designed to provide solid training in the concepts of the risk management process, statistical models and methods of risk management, and good risk management practice. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental concepts and nature of risk assessment, risk management and governance from different standpoints while elective courses provide either training in specific Risk Management disciplines or an extension of knowledge aiming to give students more modeling, technical and analytical skills in risk management, including data mining, stochastic calculus, and financial time series modeling.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and categorize the various risks faced by an organization and be able to demonstrate a critical understanding of generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and assess risk management situations, and be able to deal with qualitative as well as quantitative aspects appropriate to the situation (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : critically evaluate and make effective use of models and techniques for risk assessment and management, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : make informed risk management decisions, employ any techniques necessary to acquire and interpret relevant data and information from different sources and the factors that influence their perceptions of risk identification, risk reduction, risk mitigation and risk transfer (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively on risk management issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in risk management through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Major in Risk Management aims to provide students with the skills and expertise in the theory and methodology behind the scientific process of risk management, with application to actuarial science, finance and other related areas of interest. It is designed to provide solid training in the concepts of the risk management process, statistical models and methods of risk management, and good risk management practice. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental concepts and nature of risk assessment, risk management and governance from different standpoints while elective courses provide either training in specific Risk Management disciplines or an extension of knowledge aiming to give students more modeling, technical and analytical skills in risk management, including data mining, stochastic calculus, and financial time series modeling.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and categorize the various risks faced by an organization and be able to demonstrate a critical understanding of generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and assess risk management situations, and be able to deal with qualitative as well as quantitative aspects appropriate to the situation (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : critically evaluate and make effective use of models and techniques for risk assessment and management, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : make informed risk management decisions, employ any techniques necessary to acquire and interpret relevant data and information from different sources and the factors that influence their perceptions of risk identification, risk reduction, risk mitigation and risk transfer (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively on risk management issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in risk management through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Major in Risk Management aims to provide students with the skills and expertise in the theory and methodology behind the scientific process of risk management, with application to actuarial science, finance and other related areas of interest. It is designed to provide solid training in the concepts of the risk management process, statistical models and methods of risk management, and good risk management practice. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental concepts and nature of risk assessment, risk management and governance from different standpoints while elective courses provide either training in specific Risk Management disciplines or an extension of knowledge aiming to give students more modeling, technical and analytical skills in risk management, including data mining, stochastic calculus, and financial time series modeling.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and categorize the various risks faced by an organization and be able to demonstrate a critical understanding of generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and assess risk management situations, and be able to deal with qualitative as well as quantitative aspects appropriate to the situation (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : critically evaluate and make effective use of models and techniques for risk assessment and management, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : make informed risk management decisions, employ any techniques necessary to acquire and interpret relevant data and information from different sources and the factors that influence their perceptions of risk identification, risk reduction, risk mitigation and risk transfer (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively on risk management issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in risk management through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Major in Risk Management aims to provide students with the skills and expertise in the theory and methodology behind the scientific process of risk management, with application to actuarial science, finance and other related areas of interest. It is designed to provide solid training in the concepts of the risk management process, statistical models and methods of risk management, and good risk management practice. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental concepts and nature of risk assessment, risk management and governance from different standpoints while elective courses provide either training in specific Risk Management disciplines or an extension of knowledge aiming to give students more modeling, technical and analytical skills in risk management, including data mining, stochastic calculus, and financial time series modeling.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and categorize the various risks faced by an organization and be able to demonstrate a critical understanding of generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and assess risk management situations, and be able to deal with qualitative as well as quantitative aspects appropriate to the situation (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : critically evaluate and make effective use of models and techniques for risk assessment and management, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : make informed risk management decisions, employ any techniques necessary to acquire and interpret relevant data and information from different sources and the factors that influence their perceptions of risk identification, risk reduction, risk mitigation and risk transfer (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively on risk management issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in risk management through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Major in Risk Management aims to provide students with the skills and expertise in the theory and methodology behind the scientific process of risk management, with application to actuarial science, finance and other related areas of interest. It is designed to provide solid training in the concepts of the risk management process, statistical models and methods of risk management, and good risk management practice. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental concepts and nature of risk assessment, risk management and governance from different standpoints while elective courses provide either training in specific Risk Management disciplines or an extension of knowledge aiming to give students more modeling, technical and analytical skills in risk management, including data mining, stochastic calculus, and financial time series modeling.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and categorize the various risks faced by an organization and be able to demonstrate a critical understanding of generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and assess risk management situations, and be able to deal with qualitative as well as quantitative aspects appropriate to the situation (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : critically evaluate and make effective use of models and techniques for risk assessment and management, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : make informed risk management decisions, employ any techniques necessary to acquire and interpret relevant data and information from different sources and the factors that influence their perceptions of risk identification, risk reduction, risk mitigation and risk transfer (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively on risk management issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in risk management through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
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Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
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STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)
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STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

2. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

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4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

6. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
- Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Risk Management aims to provide students with the skills and expertise in the theory and methodology behind the scientific process of risk management, with application to actuarial science, finance and other related areas of interest. It is designed to provide solid training in the concepts of the risk management process, statistical models and methods of risk management, and good risk management practice. Core courses in the curriculum emphasize fundamental concepts and nature of risk assessment, risk management and governance from different standpoints while elective courses provide either training in specific Risk Management disciplines or an extension of knowledge aiming to give students more modeling, technical and analytical skills in risk management, including data mining, stochastic calculus, and financial time series modeling.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and categorize the various risks faced by an organization and be able to demonstrate a critical understanding of generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze and assess risk management situations, and be able to deal with qualitative as well as quantitative aspects appropriate to the situation (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : critically evaluate and make effective use of models and techniques for risk assessment and management, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 6 : gain insights into current advances in risk management through either project or industrial training (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
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Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (18 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

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3. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

4. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

5. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Major in Statistics focuses on the study of statistics, a scientific discipline characterized by the development and applications of analytical and quantitative tools which involve logical thinking, problem formulation, probability reasoning and intensive data analyses. The programme aims to equip students with powerful mathematical, analytical and computational skills, which are in great demand in practical areas where data are obtained for the purpose of extracting information in support of decision making. It gives students a strong background in statistical concepts, and provides broad and solid training in applied statistical methodologies. The curriculum is constantly revised to meet a steadily rising demand for specialist statisticians or quantitative analysts in government, business, finance, industry, as well as in research and teaching in local and overseas institutions.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : receive solid training in probability and statistics, gain insight into their underlying theory and be acquainted with their state-of-the-art applications in the modern world (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : conduct meticulous data analyses, supported by rigorous statistical reasoning, to make informed decisions in the face of uncertainty that arises in all sorts of institutions and companies, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : equip with hands-on experience in data analysis using statistical software, and be competent for data-analytic jobs which require advanced computational skills (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : be highly motivated to explore cross-disciplinary applications of statistics in a broad variety of academic or professional areas including, in particular, mathematics, natural sciences, economics, finance, business, risk management, actuarial work, social sciences and engineering (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively on probability and statistical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : through the understanding and application of statistical concepts and techniques, gain confidence to meet challenges posed by increasingly complicated real-life problems encountered in the modern era in a creative and rational manner (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
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Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits from Lists A, B and C, among which at least 6 credits from List A, at least 12 credits from List B and at least 6 credits from List C:

List A

STAT3602	Statistical inference (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

List B

STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)

List C

STAT3021	Modern biostatistics (6)
STAT3604	Design and analysis of experiments (6)

STAT3606	Business logistics (6)
STAT3607	Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research (6)
STAT3608	Statistical genetics (6)
STAT3613	Marketing analytics (6)
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Students who wish to specialize in the theme of data science are recommended to choose the combination of courses STAT3612, STAT3613 and STAT3621. Note that students who wish to take STAT3621 are strongly recommended to take STAT2604 first.

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

5. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

6. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

7. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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- Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

8. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.
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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Major Title	Major in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Major in Statistics focuses on the study of statistics, a scientific discipline characterized by the development and applications of analytical and quantitative tools which involve logical thinking, problem formulation, probability reasoning and intensive data analyses. The programme aims to equip students with powerful mathematical, analytical and computational skills, which are in great demand in practical areas where data are obtained for the purpose of extracting information in support of decision making. It gives students a strong background in statistical concepts, and provides broad and solid training in applied statistical methodologies. The curriculum is constantly revised to meet a steadily rising demand for specialist statisticians or quantitative analysts in government, business, finance, industry, as well as in research and teaching in local and overseas institutions.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : receive solid training in probability and statistics, gain insight into their underlying theory and be acquainted with their state-of-the-art applications in the modern world (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : conduct meticulous data analyses, supported by rigorous statistical reasoning, to make informed decisions in the face of uncertainty that arises in all sorts of institutions and companies, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : equip with hands-on experience in data analysis using statistical software, and be competent for data-analytic jobs which require advanced computational skills (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : be highly motivated to explore cross-disciplinary applications of statistics in a broad variety of academic or professional areas including, in particular, mathematics, natural sciences, economics, finance, business, risk management, actuarial work, social sciences and engineering (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively on probability and statistical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : through the understanding and application of statistical concepts and techniques, gain confidence to meet challenges posed by increasingly complicated real-life problems encountered in the modern era in a creative and rational manner (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits from Lists A and B, among which at least 18 credits from List A:

List A

STAT3602	Statistical inference (6)
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List B

STAT3604	Design and analysis of experiments (6)
STAT3606	Business logistics (6)
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STAT3608	Statistical genetics (6)
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STAT3613	Marketing analytics (6)

STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Students who wish to specialize in the theme of data science are recommended to choose the combination of courses STAT3612, STAT3613 and STAT3621. Note that students who wish to take STAT3621 are strongly recommended to take STAT2604 first.

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

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Remarks:

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Major Title	Major in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : receive solid training in probability and statistics, gain insight into their underlying theory and be acquainted with their state-of-the-art applications in the modern world (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

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STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
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2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
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3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

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Notes:

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4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

5. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

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Major Title	Major in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

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Required courses (96 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

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STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

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Major Title	Major in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

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Major Title	Major in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Major in Statistics focuses on the study of statistics, a scientific discipline characterized by the development and applications of analytical and quantitative tools which involve logical thinking, problem formulation, probability reasoning and intensive data analyses. The programme aims to equip students with powerful mathematical, analytical and computational skills, which are in great demand in practical areas where data are obtained for the purpose of extracting information in support of decision making. It gives students a strong background in statistical concepts, and provides broad and solid training in applied statistical methodologies. The curriculum is constantly revised to meet a steadily rising demand for specialist statisticians or quantitative analysts in government, business, finance, industry, as well as in research and teaching in local and overseas institutions.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : receive solid training in probability and statistics, gain insight into their underlying theory and be acquainted with their state-of-the-art applications in the modern world (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : conduct meticulous data analyses, supported by rigorous statistical reasoning, to make informed decisions in the face of uncertainty that arises in all sorts of institutions and companies, and appraise the related ethical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : equip with hands-on experience in data analysis using statistical software, and be competent for data-analytic jobs which require advanced computational skills (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : be highly motivated to explore cross-disciplinary applications of statistics in a broad variety of academic or professional areas including, in particular, mathematics, natural sciences, economics, finance, business, risk management, actuarial work, social sciences and engineering (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and/or project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively on probability and statistical issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

PLO 6 : through the understanding and application of statistical concepts and techniques, gain confidence to meet challenges posed by increasingly complicated real-life problems encountered in the modern era in a creative and rational manner (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based and/or capstone learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Minor in Risk Management
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (96 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (42 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses: Science Foundation Courses (12 credits)

SCNC1111	Scientific method and reasoning (6)	
SCNC1112	Fundamentals of modern science (6)	

Disciplinary Core Courses (30 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT1600	Statistics: ideas and concepts (6)	
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (48 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)	
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (36 credits)

At least 36 credits from Lists A and B, among which at least 12 credits from List A:

List A

STAT3602	Statistical inference (6)	
STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)	
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)	
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)	
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)	*Take either STAT3655 or STAT3955 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT3655 and STAT3955 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT3955	Survival analysis (6)	*Take either STAT3655 or STAT3955 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT3655 and STAT3955 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)	

List B

STAT3604	Design and analysis of experiments (6)	
STAT3605	Quality control and management (6)	

STAT3606	Business logistics (6)
STAT3607	Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research (6)
STAT3608	Statistical genetics (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3613	Marketing analytics (6)
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

3. Capstone requirement (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6)
STAT4710	Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6)
STAT4766	Statistics internship (6)
STAT4799	Statistics project (12)

Notes:

1. Students who wish to specialize in the theme of data science are recommended to choose the combination of courses STAT3612, STAT3613 and STAT3621. Note that students who wish to take STAT3621 are strongly recommended to take STAT2603 or STAT2604 first.

2. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible when a student with a science major opts to undertake a second major in science. The double-counted courses must include SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits) and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits). 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.

3. If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112) are listed as required courses (disciplinary core) in both the first and second majors undertaken by a student, the student must make up the number of credits above the 24 permissible by taking replacement course(s) (disciplinary elective) in the second major. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

4. Students are not required to take Capstone if this Science major is taken as a second major on the condition that the capstone experience in the first major requires the integration or application of knowledge from both major disciplines. If this is approved, a 6-credit advanced level course (disciplinary elective) in the second major must be taken to fulfill the credit requirement of the capstone experience.

5. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

6. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

SECTION VII

Science Minors 2025-2026

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SECTION VII Science Minors on offer in 2025/2026

Minors offered by Science Faculty

Minors

Actuarial Studies *(not for BSc(ActuarSc) students) (only for 2024 cohort or before)*
Astronomy
Biochemistry
Chemistry
Computational & Financial Mathematics
Earth Sciences
Ecology & Biodiversity
Environmental Science
Food & Nutritional Science
Marine Biology
Mathematics
Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Operations Research & Mathematical Programming
Physics
Plant Science *(only for 2021 cohort or before)*
Risk Management *(only for 2024 cohort or before)*
Science Entrepreneurship *(for 2016 cohort and thereafter)*
Statistics *(only for 2024 cohort or before)*

Minor Title	Minor in Actuarial Studies
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Actuarial Studies aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the basic concepts and methodologies in Actuarial Science. The minor curriculum is designed particularly for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Actuarial Science and to strengthen their confidence and potential in solving mathematical, financial, economical and investment-related problems.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and apply the methods used by actuaries to solve problems of insurance, investment, pension, financial risk management and demography (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply problem-solving skills appropriate to the level of the preliminary education component specified by international actuarial bodies such as the Society of Actuaries (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

FINA1310	Corporate finance (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)	
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)	
STAT3901	Life contingencies I (6)	
STAT3904	Corporate finance for actuarial science (6)	
STAT3906	Risk theory I (6)	
STAT3908	Credibility theory and loss modelling (6)	*[previous title: Credibility theory and loss distributions (6)]*
STAT3910	Financial economics I (6)	
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)	
STAT3953	Fundamentals of actuarial practice (6)	
STAT4903	Actuarial techniques for general insurance (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Actuarial Studies
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Actuarial Studies aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the basic concepts and methodologies in Actuarial Science. The minor curriculum is designed particularly for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Actuarial Science and to strengthen their confidence and potential in solving mathematical, financial, economical and investment-related problems.

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By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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PLO 2 : develop and apply problem-solving skills appropriate to the level of the preliminary education component specified by international actuarial bodies such as the Society of Actuaries (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

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Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

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MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
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STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)	
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)	
STAT3901	Life contingencies I (6)	
STAT3904	Corporate finance for actuarial science (6)	
STAT3906	Risk theory I (6)	
STAT3908	Credibility theory and loss modelling (6)	*[previous title: Credibility theory and loss distributions (6)]*
STAT3910	Financial economics I (6)	
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)	
STAT3953	Fundamentals of actuarial practice (6)	
STAT4903	Actuarial techniques for general insurance (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Actuarial Studies
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Actuarial Studies aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the basic concepts and methodologies in Actuarial Science. The minor curriculum is designed particularly for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Actuarial Science and to strengthen their confidence and potential in solving mathematical, financial, economical and investment-related problems.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and apply the methods used by actuaries to solve problems of insurance, investment, pension, financial risk management and demography (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply problem-solving skills appropriate to the level of the preliminary education component specified by international actuarial bodies such as the Society of Actuaries (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

FINA1310	Corporate finance (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)	
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)	
STAT3901	Life contingencies I (6)	
STAT3904	Corporate finance for actuarial science (6)	
STAT3906	Risk theory I (6)	
STAT3908	Credibility theory and loss modelling (6)	*[previous title: Credibility theory and loss distributions (6)]*
STAT3910	Financial economics I (6)	
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)	
STAT3953	Fundamentals of actuarial practice (6)	
STAT4903	Actuarial techniques for general insurance (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Actuarial Studies
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Actuarial Studies aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the basic concepts and methodologies in Actuarial Science. The minor curriculum is designed particularly for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Actuarial Science and to strengthen their confidence and potential in solving mathematical, financial, economical and investment-related problems.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and apply the methods used by actuaries to solve problems of insurance, investment, pension, financial risk management and demography (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply problem-solving skills appropriate to the level of the preliminary education component specified by international actuarial bodies such as the Society of Actuaries (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

FINA1310	Corporate finance (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	*[previous title: Introduction to R programming and elementary data analysis (6)]*
STAT2605	Demographic and socio-economic statistics (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)	
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)	
STAT3901	Life contingencies I (6)	
STAT3904	Corporate finance for actuarial science (6)	
STAT3906	Risk theory I (6)	
STAT3908	Credibility theory and loss modelling (6)	*[previous title: Credibility theory and loss distributions (6)]*
STAT3910	Financial economics I (6)	
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)	
STAT3953	Fundamentals of actuarial practice (6)	
STAT4903	Actuarial techniques for general insurance (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Actuarial Studies
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Actuarial Studies aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the basic concepts and methodologies in Actuarial Science. The minor curriculum is designed particularly for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Actuarial Science and to strengthen their confidence and potential in solving mathematical, financial, economical and investment-related problems.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and apply the methods used by actuaries to solve problems of insurance, investment, pension, financial risk management and demography (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply problem-solving skills appropriate to the level of the preliminary education component specified by international actuarial bodies such as the Society of Actuaries (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

FINA1310	Corporate finance (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	*[previous title: Introduction to R programming and elementary data analysis (6)]*
STAT2605	Demographic and socio-economic statistics (6)	
STAT2901	Probability and statistics: foundations of actuarial science (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)	
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)	
STAT3901	Life contingencies I (6)	
STAT3904	Corporate finance for actuarial science (6)	
STAT3906	Risk theory I (6)	
STAT3908	Credibility theory and loss modelling (6)	*[previous title: Credibility theory and loss distributions (6)]*
STAT3910	Financial economics I (6)	
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)	
STAT3953	Fundamentals of actuarial practice (6)	
STAT4903	Actuarial techniques for general insurance (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Actuarial Studies
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Actuarial Studies aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the basic concepts and methodologies in Actuarial Science. The minor curriculum is designed particularly for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Actuarial Science and to strengthen their confidence and potential in solving mathematical, financial, economical and investment-related problems.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and apply the methods used by actuaries to solve problems of insurance, investment, pension, financial risk management and demography (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply problem-solving skills appropriate to the level of the preliminary education component specified by international actuarial bodies such as the Society of Actuaries (by means of coursework and tutorial classes and/or research-based project in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

FINA1310	Corporate finance (6)	
MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	*[previous title: Introduction to R programming and elementary data analysis (6)]*
STAT2605	Demographic and socio-economic statistics (6)	
STAT2901	Probability and statistics: foundations of actuarial science (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)
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STAT3908	Credibility theory and loss modelling (6)
STAT3910	Financial economics I (6)
STAT3911	Financial economics II (6)
STAT3953	Fundamentals of actuarial practice (6)
STAT4903	Actuarial techniques for general insurance (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Astronomy
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Astronomy is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses to allow them to pursue their interests in the subject and to establish connections between the field of astronomy and other science disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe astrophysical phenomena with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop their scientific intuition, abilities and techniques to tackle astrophysical problems either theoretical or observational in nature (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, and opportunities of field activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively in scientific issues (by means of group projects, tutorial sessions and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1250	Fundamental physics (6)
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)
EASC2408	Planetary geology (6)

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Astronomy
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Astronomy is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses to allow them to pursue their interests in the subject and to establish connections between the field of astronomy and other science disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

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PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

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PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Astronomy
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Astronomy is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses to allow them to pursue their interests in the subject and to establish connections between the field of astronomy and other science disciplines.

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NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1250	Fundamental physics (6)
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)
EASC2408	Planetary geology (6)

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)

Notes:

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2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Astronomy
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Astronomy is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses to allow them to pursue their interests in the subject and to establish connections between the field of astronomy and other science disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe astrophysical phenomena with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop their scientific intuition, abilities and techniques to tackle astrophysical problems either theoretical or observational in nature (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, and opportunities of field activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively in scientific issues (by means of group projects, tutorial sessions and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1250	Fundamental physics (6)
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PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)

Notes:

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2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Astronomy
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Astronomy is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses to allow them to pursue their interests in the subject and to establish connections between the field of astronomy and other science disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe astrophysical phenomena with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop their scientific intuition, abilities and techniques to tackle astrophysical problems either theoretical or observational in nature (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, and opportunities of field activities in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)	
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)	

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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	*[previous title: Cosmology (6)]*
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	

Notes:

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2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Astronomy
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Astronomy is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses to allow them to pursue their interests in the subject and to establish connections between the field of astronomy and other science disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe astrophysical phenomena with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop their scientific intuition, abilities and techniques to tackle astrophysical problems either theoretical or observational in nature (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, and opportunities of field activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively in scientific issues (by means of group projects, tutorial sessions and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)	
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

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PHYS1250	Fundamental physics (6)	
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PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	*[previous title: Cosmology (6)]*
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Astronomy
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Astronomy is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses to allow them to pursue their interests in the subject and to establish connections between the field of astronomy and other science disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe astrophysical phenomena with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop their scientific intuition, abilities and techniques to tackle astrophysical problems either theoretical or observational in nature (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, and opportunities of field activities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively in scientific issues (by means of group projects, tutorial sessions and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

PHYS1650	Nature of the universe (6)	
PHYS2650	Modern astronomy (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (6 credits)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1250	Fundamental physics (6)	
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)	
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)	
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2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	*[previous title: Cosmology (6)]*
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Biochemistry is designed to provide students from all backgrounds with a multidisciplinary perspective on contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. This minor curriculum incorporates significant flexibility to allow students to select courses that will complement the individual student's Major.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the fundamentals of biochemistry and molecular biology, and apply biochemical knowledge appropriately and effectively (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : integrate knowledge regarding the structure and function of biological molecules and how they come together to form the systems that make up life (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : develop a general interest in biochemistry and recognize the inter-relationship of biochemistry with other disciplines (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biochemistry

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC1600	Perspectives in biochemistry (6)	
BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
BIOC3604	Essential techniques in biochemistry and molecular biology (6)
BIOC3605	Sequence bioinformatics (6)
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)
BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOC4610	Advanced biochemistry (6)
BIOC4612	Molecular biology of the gene (6)
BIOC4613	Advanced techniques in biochemistry & molecular biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Biochemistry is designed to provide students from all backgrounds with a multidisciplinary perspective on contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. This minor curriculum incorporates significant flexibility to allow students to select courses that will complement the individual student's Major.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the fundamentals of biochemistry and molecular biology, and apply biochemical knowledge appropriately and effectively (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : integrate knowledge regarding the structure and function of biological molecules and how they come together to form the systems that make up life (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : develop a general interest in biochemistry and recognize the inter-relationship of biochemistry with other disciplines (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biochemistry

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC1600	Perspectives in biochemistry (6)	
BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
BIOC3604	Essential techniques in biochemistry and molecular biology (6)
BIOC3605	Sequence bioinformatics (6)
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)
BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOC4610	Advanced biochemistry (6)
BIOC4612	Molecular biology of the gene (6)
BIOC4613	Advanced techniques in biochemistry & molecular biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the fundamentals of biochemistry and molecular biology, and apply biochemical knowledge appropriately and effectively (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
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Notes:

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Minor Title	Minor in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

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Major in Biochemistry

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Notes:

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Minor Title	Minor in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

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Learning Outcomes:

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BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Biochemistry is designed to provide students from all backgrounds with a multidisciplinary perspective on contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. This minor curriculum incorporates significant flexibility to allow students to select courses that will complement the individual student's Major.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biochemistry

Required courses (36 credits)

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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

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BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
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CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Biochemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Biochemistry is designed to provide students from all backgrounds with a multidisciplinary perspective on contemporary biochemistry and molecular biology. This minor curriculum incorporates significant flexibility to allow students to select courses that will complement the individual student's Major.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe the fundamentals of biochemistry and molecular biology, and apply biochemical knowledge appropriately and effectively (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : integrate knowledge regarding the structure and function of biological molecules and how they come together to form the systems that make up life (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : develop a general interest in biochemistry and recognize the inter-relationship of biochemistry with other disciplines (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Biochemistry

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC1600	Perspectives in biochemistry (6)	
BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOC2600 and BIOL2220 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6)
BIOC3604	Essential techniques in biochemistry and molecular biology (6)
BIOC3605	Sequence bioinformatics (6)
BIOC3606	Molecular medicine (6)
BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)
BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)
BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3404	Protein structure and function (6)
BIOC4610	Advanced biochemistry (6)
BIOC4612	Molecular biology of the gene (6)
BIOC4613	Advanced techniques in biochemistry & molecular biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Chemistry aims to provide students with fundamental knowledge and skills of chemistry. The minor curriculum is flexible. Students of different majors in science and other disciplines will be able to select courses that complement their major areas of study as well as enhance their knowledge in chemistry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and apply the basic concepts of chemistry (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply chemistry concepts in other subjects (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : transfer the basic concepts to complement their major area of study (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Major in Chemistry (Intensive)

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)	
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	*CHEM2441 and CHEM2442 are mutually exclusive.*
CHEM2442	Fundamentals of organic chemistry (6)	*CHEM2441 and CHEM2442 are mutually exclusive.*
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits of advanced level Chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry (6)
CHEM3144	Fundamentals of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (6)
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)
CHEM3242	Food and water analysis (6)
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3342	Bioinorganic chemistry (6)
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)
CHEM3442	Organic chemistry of biomolecules (6)
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)
CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory (6)
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)
CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)
CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

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2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fuifill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Chemistry aims to provide students with fundamental knowledge and skills of chemistry. The minor curriculum is flexible. Students of different majors in science and other disciplines will be able to select courses that complement their major areas of study as well as enhance their knowledge in chemistry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and apply the basic concepts of chemistry (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : transfer the basic concepts to complement their major area of study (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Major in Chemistry (Intensive)

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

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CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)	
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CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits of advanced level Chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)
CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)
CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)
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CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)
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CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)
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CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

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Minor Title	Minor in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Chemistry aims to provide students with fundamental knowledge and skills of chemistry. The minor curriculum is flexible. Students of different majors in science and other disciplines will be able to select courses that complement their major areas of study as well as enhance their knowledge in chemistry.

Learning Outcomes:

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Major in Chemistry (Intensive)

Required courses (42 credits)

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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

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Major in Chemistry (Intensive)

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Minor Title	Minor in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

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Minor Title	Minor in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

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Notes:

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2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fuifill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Chemistry
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Chemistry aims to provide students with fundamental knowledge and skills of chemistry. The minor curriculum is flexible. Students of different majors in science and other disciplines will be able to select courses that complement their major areas of study as well as enhance their knowledge in chemistry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and apply the basic concepts of chemistry (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply chemistry concepts in other subjects (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : transfer the basic concepts to complement their major area of study (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Chemistry
Major in Chemistry (Intensive)

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	
CHEM1043	General chemistry II (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I (6)	
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I (6)	
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I (6)	*CHEM2441 and CHEM2442 are mutually exclusive.*
CHEM2442	Fundamentals of organic chemistry (6)	*CHEM2441 and CHEM2442 are mutually exclusive.*
CHEM2541	Introductory physical chemistry (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits of advanced level Chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

List A

CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)	
CHEM3142	Chemical process industries and analysis (6)	
CHEM3143	Introduction to materials chemistry (6)	
CHEM3146	Principles and applications of spectroscopic and analytical techniques (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	
CHEM3242	Food and water analysis (6)	
CHEM3243	Introductory instrumental chemical analysis (6)	
CHEM3244	Analytical techniques for pharmacy students (6)	
CHEM3341	Inorganic chemistry II (6)	
CHEM3342	Bioinorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6)	
CHEM3442	Organic chemistry of biomolecules (6)	
CHEM3443	Organic chemistry laboratory (6)	
CHEM3445	Integrated laboratory (6)	
CHEM3541	Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6)	
CHEM3542	Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6)	
CHEM3999	Directed studies in chemistry (6)	
CHEM4142	Symmetry, group theory and applications (6)	
CHEM4143	Interfacial science and technology (6)	
CHEM4144	Advanced materials (6)	
CHEM4145	Medicinal chemistry (6)	
CHEM4147	Supramolecular chemistry (6)	
CHEM4148	Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6)	
CHEM4241	Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6)	
CHEM4242	Advanced analytical chemistry (6)	*[previous title: Analytical chemistry (6)]*
CHEM4341	Advanced inorganic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4342	Organometallic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4441	Advanced organic chemistry (6)	
CHEM4443	Integrated organic synthesis (6)	
CHEM4444	Chemical biology (6)	
CHEM4542	Computational chemistry (6)	
CHEM4543	Advanced physical chemistry (6)	

CHEM4544	Electrochemical science and technology (6)
CHEM4910	Chemistry literacy and research (6)
CHEM4911	Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6)
CHEM4966	Chemistry internship (6)
CHEM4999	Chemistry project (12)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fuifill this requirement are advised to take CHEM1041 Foundations of chemistry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics provides students with fundamental knowledge in both computational mathematics and financial mathematics. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from computational sciences and financial industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts in computational and financial mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics provides students with fundamental knowledge in both computational mathematics and financial mathematics. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from computational sciences and financial industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts in computational and financial mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics provides students with fundamental knowledge in both computational mathematics and financial mathematics. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from computational sciences and financial industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts in computational and financial mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

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2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics provides students with fundamental knowledge in both computational mathematics and financial mathematics. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from computational sciences and financial industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts in computational and financial mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics provides students with fundamental knowledge in both computational mathematics and financial mathematics. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from computational sciences and financial industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts in computational and financial mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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Notes:

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2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics provides students with fundamental knowledge in both computational mathematics and financial mathematics. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from computational sciences and financial industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts in computational and financial mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
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Notes:

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2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics provides students with fundamental knowledge in both computational mathematics and financial mathematics. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from computational sciences and financial industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts in computational and financial mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Earth Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Earth Sciences aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the fundamental structure, process and history of the Earth. The minor curriculum is designed particularly to provide students from different majors the flexibility to select courses to enhance their interests in Earth Sciences or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe the methods used by the Earth scientists to study the Earth systems (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the basic nomenclature used in Earth Sciences (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : discuss and comment critically issues related to the Earth Sciences in media reports (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Earth System Science
Major in Geology
Major in Geology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits of advanced level Earth Sciences courses (EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

List A

EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3402	Petrology (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3415	Meteorology (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)
EASC4407	Regional geology (6)
EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)
EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Earth Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Earth Sciences aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the fundamental structure, process and history of the Earth. The minor curriculum is designed particularly to provide students from different majors the flexibility to select courses to enhance their interests in Earth Sciences or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe the methods used by the Earth scientists to study the Earth systems (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the basic nomenclature used in Earth Sciences (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : discuss and comment critically issues related to the Earth Sciences in media reports (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Earth System Science
Major in Geology
Major in Geology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits of advanced level Earth Sciences courses (EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3402	Petrology (6)
EASC3403	Sedimentary environments (6)
EASC3404	Structural geology (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3406	Reconstruction of past climate (6)
EASC3408	Geophysics (6)
EASC3409	Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6)
EASC3410	Hydrogeology (6)
EASC3412	Earth resources (6)
EASC3413	Engineering geology (6)
EASC3414	Soil and rock mechanics (6)
EASC3415	Meteorology (6)
EASC3416	Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6)
EASC3417	Earth through time (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
EASC3420	Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6)
EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
EASC4403	Biogeochemical cycles (6)
EASC4406	Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6)
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EASC4408	Special topics in earth sciences (6)
EASC4911	Earth system: contemporary issues (6)
EASC4955	Integrated field studies (6)
EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)
EASC4999	Earth sciences project (12)

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Earth Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Earth Sciences aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the fundamental structure, process and history of the Earth. The minor curriculum is designed particularly to provide students from different majors the flexibility to select courses to enhance their interests in Earth Sciences or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe the methods used by the Earth scientists to study the Earth systems (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : discuss and comment critically issues related to the Earth Sciences in media reports (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Earth System Science
Major in Geology
Major in Geology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits of advanced level Earth Sciences courses (EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
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Minor Title	Minor in Earth Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Earth Sciences aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the fundamental structure, process and history of the Earth. The minor curriculum is designed particularly to provide students from different majors the flexibility to select courses to enhance their interests in Earth Sciences or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe the methods used by the Earth scientists to study the Earth systems (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the basic nomenclature used in Earth Sciences (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : discuss and comment critically issues related to the Earth Sciences in media reports (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Earth System Science
Major in Geology
Major in Geology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits of advanced level Earth Sciences courses (EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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EASC3999	Directed studies in earth sciences (6)
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EASC4966	Earth sciences internship (6)
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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Earth Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Earth Sciences aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the fundamental structure, process and history of the Earth. The minor curriculum is designed particularly to provide students from different majors the flexibility to select courses to enhance their interests in Earth Sciences or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe the methods used by the Earth scientists to study the Earth systems (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the basic nomenclature used in Earth Sciences (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : discuss and comment critically issues related to the Earth Sciences in media reports (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Earth System Science
Major in Geology
Major in Geology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits of advanced level Earth Sciences courses (EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Earth Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Earth Sciences aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the fundamental structure, process and history of the Earth. The minor curriculum is designed particularly to provide students from different majors the flexibility to select courses to enhance their interests in Earth Sciences or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe the methods used by the Earth scientists to study the Earth systems (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the basic nomenclature used in Earth Sciences (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : discuss and comment critically issues related to the Earth Sciences in media reports (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Earth System Science
Major in Geology
Major in Geology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
EASC1402	Principles of geology (6)
EASC2401	Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits of advanced level Earth Sciences courses (EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Earth Sciences
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Earth Sciences aims to provide interested students with an introduction to the fundamental structure, process and history of the Earth. The minor curriculum is designed particularly to provide students from different majors the flexibility to select courses to enhance their interests in Earth Sciences or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe the methods used by the Earth scientists to study the Earth systems (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the basic nomenclature used in Earth Sciences (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : discuss and comment critically issues related to the Earth Sciences in media reports (by means to coursework, tutorial classes and field-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Earth System Science
Major in Geology
Major in Geology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)
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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits of advanced level Earth Sciences courses (EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX level), subject to prerequisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

This Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity is an ideal introduction to the natural world, the species and ecosystems it comprises and the biological rules it follows. It aims to allow students to learn about general ecological principles and the local flora and fauna of the region, and the conservation challenges that will need to be addressed in a rapidly-changing world. Students will be able to build upon this basic knowledge developed at the introductory level by selecting from among a wide range of courses that offer learning opportunities through practical and field work, as well as traditional and virtual teaching, in more specialized areas of ecology and biodiversity.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate and describe the importance of ecology and biodiversity, and the importance of the variety of life to humans (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the impacts of environmental change and the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appreciate and describe the ecological principles underlying different policies and plans for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Hong Kong and elsewhere (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

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Minor Title	Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

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Minor Title	Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

This Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity is an ideal introduction to the natural world, the species and ecosystems it comprises and the biological rules it follows. It aims to allow students to learn about general ecological principles and the local flora and fauna of the region, and the conservation challenges that will need to be addressed in a rapidly-changing world. Students will be able to build upon this basic knowledge developed at the introductory level by selecting from among a wide range of courses that offer learning opportunities through practical and field work, as well as traditional and virtual teaching, in more specialized areas of ecology and biodiversity.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate and describe the importance of ecology and biodiversity, and the importance of the variety of life to humans (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the impacts of environmental change and the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appreciate and describe the ecological principles underlying different policies and plans for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Hong Kong and elsewhere (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

This Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity is an ideal introduction to the natural world, the species and ecosystems it comprises and the biological rules it follows. It aims to allow students to learn about general ecological principles and the local flora and fauna of the region, and the conservation challenges that will need to be addressed in a rapidly-changing world. Students will be able to build upon this basic knowledge developed at the introductory level by selecting from among a wide range of courses that offer learning opportunities through practical and field work, as well as traditional and virtual teaching, in more specialized areas of ecology and biodiversity.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate and describe the importance of ecology and biodiversity, and the importance of the variety of life to humans (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the impacts of environmental change and the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appreciate and describe the ecological principles underlying different policies and plans for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Hong Kong and elsewhere (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

This Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity is an ideal introduction to the natural world, the species and ecosystems it comprises and the biological rules it follows. It aims to allow students to learn about general ecological principles and the local flora and fauna of the region, and the conservation challenges that will need to be addressed in a rapidly-changing world. Students will be able to build upon this basic knowledge developed at the introductory level by selecting from among a wide range of courses that offer learning opportunities through practical and field work, as well as traditional and virtual teaching, in more specialized areas of ecology and biodiversity.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate and describe the importance of ecology and biodiversity, and the importance of the variety of life to humans (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the impacts of environmental change and the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appreciate and describe the ecological principles underlying different policies and plans for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Hong Kong and elsewhere (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

This Minor in Ecology & Biodiversity is an ideal introduction to the natural world, the species and ecosystems it comprises and the biological rules it follows. It aims to allow students to learn about general ecological principles and the local flora and fauna of the region, and the conservation challenges that will need to be addressed in a rapidly-changing world. Students will be able to build upon this basic knowledge developed at the introductory level by selecting from among a wide range of courses that offer learning opportunities through practical and field work, as well as traditional and virtual teaching, in more specialized areas of ecology and biodiversity.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate and describe the importance of ecology and biodiversity, and the importance of the variety of life to humans (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the impacts of environmental change and the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appreciate and describe the ecological principles underlying different policies and plans for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Hong Kong and elsewhere (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Ecology & Biodiversity
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

BIOL3101	Animal behaviour (6)
BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
BIOL3302	Systematics and phylogenetics (6)
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3313	Freshwater ecology (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3319	Tropical terrestrial ecology (6)
BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6)
BIOL3506	Evolutionary biology (6)
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Environmental Science aims to provide students with an introduction to some complex environmental issues. Students will gain ecological and physical knowledge of the environment, become literate in issues related to environmental sustainability, monitoring and management, and be able to explore interdisciplinary solutions to these problems. This training will help student understand certain aspects of the environment and possible ways to solving environmental problems which will be useful to students to enhance their career prospects.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand fundamental principles and concepts related to environmental systems, including the physical, chemical, and biological processes that shape the natural environment (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe and measure physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : evaluate the key issues in environmental science and their cause/consequence on the Earth System (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : appropriately evaluate and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Environmental Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)	
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)

Notes:

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details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Environmental Science aims to provide students with an introduction to some complex environmental issues. Students will gain ecological and physical knowledge of the environment, become literate in issues related to environmental sustainability, monitoring and management, and be able to explore interdisciplinary solutions to these problems. This training will help student understand certain aspects of the environment and possible ways to solving environmental problems which will be useful to students to enhance their career prospects.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Environmental Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)	
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Environmental Science aims to provide students with an introduction to some complex environmental issues. Students will gain ecological and physical knowledge of the environment, become literate in issues related to environmental sustainability, monitoring and management, and be able to explore interdisciplinary solutions to these problems. This training will help student understand certain aspects of the environment and possible ways to solving environmental problems which will be useful to students to enhance their career prospects.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Environmental Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
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EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)	
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)
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ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)
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ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)
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ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)

Notes:

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details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Environmental Science aims to provide students with an introduction to some complex environmental issues. Students will gain ecological and physical knowledge of the environment, become literate in issues related to environmental sustainability, monitoring and management, and be able to explore interdisciplinary solutions to these problems. This training will help student understand certain aspects of the environment and possible ways to solving environmental problems which will be useful to students to enhance their career prospects.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Environmental Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
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EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
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ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)
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Notes:

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details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Environmental Science aims to provide students with an introduction to some complex environmental issues. Students will gain ecological and physical knowledge of the environment, become literate in issues related to environmental sustainability, monitoring and management, and be able to explore interdisciplinary solutions to these problems. This training will help student understand certain aspects of the environment and possible ways to solving environmental problems which will be useful to students to enhance their career prospects.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Environmental Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

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ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3110	Environmental toxicology (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)	
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)	
EASC3418	Coasts and coastal change (6)	
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)	
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)	
ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)	
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)	
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)	
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)	
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)	
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)	
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)	
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)	
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)	
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)	

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Environmental Science aims to provide students with an introduction to some complex environmental issues. Students will gain ecological and physical knowledge of the environment, become literate in issues related to environmental sustainability, monitoring and management, and be able to explore interdisciplinary solutions to these problems. This training will help student understand certain aspects of the environment and possible ways to solving environmental problems which will be useful to students to enhance their career prospects.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Environmental Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)	
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

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At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

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BIOL3110	Environmental toxicology (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)	
EASC3405	Environmental remote sensing (6)	
EASC3419	Earth System Science Field Studies (6)	
ENVS3007	Natural hazards and mitigation (6)	
ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)	
ENVS3019	Urban ecology (6)	
ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)	
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)	
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)	
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)	
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)	
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)	
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)	

ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Environmental Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Environmental Science aims to provide students with an introduction to some complex environmental issues. Students will gain ecological and physical knowledge of the environment, become literate in issues related to environmental sustainability, monitoring and management, and be able to explore interdisciplinary solutions to these problems. This training will help student understand certain aspects of the environment and possible ways to solving environmental problems which will be useful to students to enhance their career prospects.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe different components of the environmental systems and key issues in environmental science (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : observe, describe, measure and analyze physical, biological and chemical characteristics of natural and man-made environments (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : appropriately use and critically analyze a range of forms and sources of environmental data, and assess environmental problems (by means of lectures, coursework, tutorial classes and field/ laboratory/ team-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : gain skills in scientific inquiry and effective communication of global environmental problems, issues of resource management, policies and management methods (by means of field/ laboratory/ team-based learning, research projects, presentation opportunities and capstone experiences in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Environmental Science

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS1401	Introduction to environmental science (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses (Level 1 & 2):

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6)	*May take either CHEM1041 or CHEM1042 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6)	
EASC1401	Blue Planet (6)	
EASC2404	Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6)	
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)	
ENVS2001	Methods in environmental science (6)	
ENVS2002	Environmental data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

ENVS3004	Environment, society and economics (6)	

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3110	Environmental toxicology (6)	
BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)	
BIOL4302	Environmental impact assessment (6)	
CHEM3141	Environmental chemistry (6)	
CHEM3241	Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6)	
EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6)	
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ENVS3010	Sustainable energy and environment (6)	
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ENVS3020	Global change ecology (6)	
ENVS3022	Environmental science field course (6)	
ENVS3028	Coastal Sustainability (6)	
ENVS3042	Pollution (6)	
ENVS3202	Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6)	*[previous title: Plant physiology and climate change (6)]*
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)	
ENVS3401	Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6)	
ENVS3402	Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6)	
ENVS3403	Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6)	
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)	

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Food and Nutritional Science aims to provide a comprehensive education in food, nutrition and related sociological and technological topics, enabling graduates to develop their interest in food and nutrition and have a wide range of employment and progression options.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate broad knowledge in the field of food and nutritional science (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : recognize and describe the health risks associated with food and specific nutrients, and discuss how to prevent these risks (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe ethical perspectives and practice in food product development, food safety and public health nutrition (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : synthesize and summarize information from a wide range of sources and draw reasoned conclusions with particular reference to food and nutritional sciences and related global and commercial issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)	
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology (6)	*[previous title: Food and nutritional toxicology (6)]*
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)	
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	*[previous title: Food processing and engineering (6)]*
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:
The Minor in Food and Nutritional Science aims to provide a comprehensive education in food, nutrition and related sociological and technological topics, enabling graduates to develop their interest in food and nutrition and have a wide range of employment and progression options.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate broad knowledge in the field of food and nutritional science (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : recognize and describe the health risks associated with food and specific nutrients, and discuss how to prevent these risks (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe ethical perspectives and practice in food product development, food safety and public health nutrition (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : synthesize and summarize information from a wide range of sources and draw reasoned conclusions with particular reference to food and nutritional sciences and related global and commercial issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)
Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)
At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)
Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)
At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)	
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology (6)	*[previous title: Food and nutritional toxicology (6)]*
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)	
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	*[previous title: Food processing and engineering (6)]*
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	

Notes:
1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:
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Minor Title	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:
The Minor in Food and Nutritional Science aims to provide a comprehensive education in food, nutrition and related sociological and technological topics, enabling graduates to develop their interest in food and nutrition and have a wide range of employment and progression options.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate broad knowledge in the field of food and nutritional science (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : recognize and describe the health risks associated with food and specific nutrients, and discuss how to prevent these risks (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe ethical perspectives and practice in food product development, food safety and public health nutrition (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : synthesize and summarize information from a wide range of sources and draw reasoned conclusions with particular reference to food and nutritional sciences and related global and commercial issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)	
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology (6)	*[previous title: Food and nutritional toxicology (6)]*
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)	
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3606	Diet and disease (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4202	Nutrition and sports performance (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	*[previous title: Food processing and engineering (6)]*
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:
The Minor in Food and Nutritional Science aims to provide a comprehensive education in food, nutrition and related sociological and technological topics, enabling graduates to develop their interest in food and nutrition and have a wide range of employment and progression options.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate broad knowledge in the field of food and nutritional science (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : recognize and describe the health risks associated with food and specific nutrients, and discuss how to prevent these risks (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe ethical perspectives and practice in food product development, food safety and public health nutrition (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : synthesize and summarize information from a wide range of sources and draw reasoned conclusions with particular reference to food and nutritional sciences and related global and commercial issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)	
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology (6)	*[previous title: Food and nutritional toxicology (6)]*
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)	
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3606	Diet and disease (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4202	Nutrition and sports performance (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	*[previous title: Food processing and engineering (6)]*
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:
The Minor in Food and Nutritional Science aims to provide a comprehensive education in food, nutrition and related sociological and technological topics, enabling graduates to develop their interest in food and nutrition and have a wide range of employment and progression options.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate broad knowledge in the field of food and nutritional science (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : recognize and describe the health risks associated with food and specific nutrients, and discuss how to prevent these risks (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe ethical perspectives and practice in food product development, food safety and public health nutrition (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : synthesize and summarize information from a wide range of sources and draw reasoned conclusions with particular reference to food and nutritional sciences and related global and commercial issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)
Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)
At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry (6)	
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BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)
Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)
At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)	
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology (6)	*[previous title: Food and nutritional toxicology (6)]*
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)	
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3606	Diet and disease (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4202	Nutrition and sports performance (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	*[previous title: Food processing and engineering (6)]*
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:
The Minor in Food and Nutritional Science aims to provide a comprehensive education in food, nutrition and related sociological and technological topics, enabling graduates to develop their interest in food and nutrition and have a wide range of employment and progression options.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : demonstrate broad knowledge in the field of food and nutritional science (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : recognize and describe the health risks associated with food and specific nutrients, and discuss how to prevent these risks (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe ethical perspectives and practice in food product development, food safety and public health nutrition (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : synthesize and summarize information from a wide range of sources and draw reasoned conclusions with particular reference to food and nutritional sciences and related global and commercial issues (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Food & Nutritional Science

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)
Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)
At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6)	
BIOL2101	Principles of food chemistry (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*Take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 o fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)
Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)
At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6)	
BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6)	
BIOL3204	Nutrition and the life cycle (6)	
BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
BIOL3207	Principles of toxicology (6)	*[previous title: Food and nutritional toxicology (6)]*
BIOL3209	Food and nutrient analysis (6)	
BIOL3211	Nutrigenomics (6)	
BIOL3216	Food waste management (6)	
BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	*[previous title: Food hygiene and quality control (6)]*
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3606	Diet and disease (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4202	Nutrition and sports performance (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	*[previous title: Food processing and engineering (6)]*
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Food & Nutritional Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

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Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)
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BIOL3205	Human physiology (6)	
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BIOL3217	Food, environment and health (6)	
BIOL3218	Global food safety (6)	
BIOL3602	Sports Nutrition (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3606	Diet and disease (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL3608	Food commodities (6)	
BIOL4201	Public health nutrition (6)	
BIOL4202	Nutrition and sports performance (6)	*Take either BIOL3602 or BIOL4202 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3602 and BIOL4202 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL4204	Diet, brain function and behavior (6)	
BIOL4205	Food technology (6)	*[previous title: Food processing and engineering (6)]*
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)	
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)	
BIOL4616	Diet and Chronic Diseases (6)	*Take either BIOL3606 or BIOL4616 to fulfill this 18 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL3606 and BIOL4616 are mutually exclusive.*

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Marine Biology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The field of marine biology has become increasingly popular as interest in and awareness of our marine environment grows. Hong Kong already has strong cultural and historical links with the sea as well as a strong economic and societal interest in natural marine resources. This Minor aims to introduce students to the field of marine biology from species, habitat and ecosystem levels, ranging from the deep ocean to intertidal environments, and from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Material will be global and include organisms and their physical, behavioral and physiological adaptations to the marine environment, as well as techniques for marine study, Major marine issues will be covered including benefits derived from the marine environment and possible implications of climate change for marine systems. Particularly relevant examples from Hong Kong and the Southeast Asia region will be highlighted. This minor will provide students from diverse backgrounds (e.g.business, engineering and social science) an excellent opportunity to enter into a career or research in marine environment-related fields such as coastal ecosystem management, fisheries, marine environmental protection, marine resource management, etc.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate the requirements and constraints to life in different marine environments (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : gain a comprehensive foundation for pursuing marine-orientated studies (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have a general insight into an ecosystem that covers two-thirds of the planet and supports the only remaining natural resource harvested on a large scale (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : understand the major marine issues both locally and globally (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : appreciate the possible implications of climate change on marine systems (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology (6)
BIOL3328	Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Marine Biology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate the requirements and constraints to life in different marine environments (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : gain a comprehensive foundation for pursuing marine-orientated studies (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have a general insight into an ecosystem that covers two-thirds of the planet and supports the only remaining natural resource harvested on a large scale (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : understand the major marine issues both locally and globally (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : appreciate the possible implications of climate change on marine systems (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
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Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Marine Biology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The field of marine biology has become increasingly popular as interest in and awareness of our marine environment grows. Hong Kong already has strong cultural and historical links with the sea as well as a strong economic and societal interest in natural marine resources. This Minor aims to introduce students to the field of marine biology from species, habitat and ecosystem levels, ranging from the deep ocean to intertidal environments, and from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Material will be global and include organisms and their physical, behavioral and physiological adaptations to the marine environment, as well as techniques for marine study, Major marine issues will be covered including benefits derived from the marine environment and possible implications of climate change for marine systems. Particularly relevant examples from Hong Kong and the Southeast Asia region will be highlighted. This minor will provide students from diverse backgrounds (e.g.business, engineering and social science) an excellent opportunity to enter into a career or research in marine environment-related fields such as coastal ecosystem management, fisheries, marine environmental protection, marine resource management, etc.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate the requirements and constraints to life in different marine environments (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 5 : appreciate the possible implications of climate change on marine systems (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
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Minor Title	Minor in Marine Biology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate the requirements and constraints to life in different marine environments (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : gain a comprehensive foundation for pursuing marine-orientated studies (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 5 : appreciate the possible implications of climate change on marine systems (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
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Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Required courses (36 credits)

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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

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By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate the requirements and constraints to life in different marine environments (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : gain a comprehensive foundation for pursuing marine-orientated studies (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : have a general insight into an ecosystem that covers two-thirds of the planet and supports the only remaining natural resource harvested on a large scale (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : understand the major marine issues both locally and globally (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : appreciate the possible implications of climate change on marine systems (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
ENVS1301	Environmental life science (6)
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

BIOL3301	Marine biology (6)
ENVS3313	Environmental oceanography (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3303	Conservation biology (6)
BIOL3305	Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6)
BIOL3318	Experimental intertidal ecology (6)
BIOL3322	Marine invertebrate zoology (6)
BIOL3328	Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology (6)
BIOL4301	Fish and fisheries (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

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Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts of mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 4)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits of advanced level Mathematics courses (MATH3XXX or MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level), subject to pre-requisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

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MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
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MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)

MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)
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Impermissible Combinations:

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Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
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Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 4)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

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2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

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Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

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MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)	
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)	
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)	
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)	
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)	

Notes:

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2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. If students would like to take more courses in analysis such as MATH3401 (Analysis I), they are advised to take the introductory course MATH2241 Introduction to mathematical analysis first.

4. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Mathematics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Mathematics provides students with fundamental knowledge in the subject. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the subject and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving, and capability to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : understand and describe fundamental concepts of mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics. (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics
Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 4)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits of advanced level Mathematics courses (MATH3XXX or MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX level), subject to pre-requisite requirements. The current course list includes courses in List A:

List A

MATH3001	Development of mathematical ideas (6)
MATH3002	Mathematics seminar (6)
MATH3301	Algebra I (6)
MATH3303	Matrix theory and its applications (6)
MATH3304	Introduction to number theory (6)
MATH3401	Analysis I (6)
MATH3403	Functions of a complex variable (6)
MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3408	Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6)
MATH3541	Introduction to topology (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3601	Numerical analysis (6)
MATH3603	Probability theory (6)
MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4302	Algebra II (6)
MATH4402	Analysis II (6)
MATH4404	Functional analysis (6)
MATH4406	Introduction to partial differential equations (6)
MATH4501	Geometry (6)
MATH4511	Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6)
MATH4602	Scientific computing (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7101	Intermediate complex analysis (6)
MATH7201	Topics in geometry (6)

MATH7202	Complex manifolds (6)	
MATH7217	Topics in financial mathematics (6)	
MATH7219	Topics in applied functional analysis (6)	
MATH7224	Topics in advanced probability theory (6)	
MATH7501	Topics in algebra (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*
MATH7504	Geometric topology (6)	
MATH7505	Real analysis (6)	

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this major. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. If students would like to take more courses in analysis such as MATH3401 (Analysis I), they are advised to take the introductory course MATH2241 Introduction to mathematical analysis first.

4. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of molecular biology and biotechnology which are relevant to many other disciplines of study and our daily life. Students will learn the principles underlying current molecular and cell biology advances, and biotechnological applications and will become literate in biotechnology business and advancements.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : develop and apply basic technical and knowledge-based skills in molecular and cell biology, and biotechnology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply skills of critical inquiry, teamwork, and effective communication (by means of group projects, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe the issues and concerns fundamental to the field (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*May take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*May take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of molecular biology and biotechnology which are relevant to many other disciplines of study and our daily life. Students will learn the principles underlying current molecular and cell biology advances, and biotechnological applications and will become literate in biotechnology business and advancements.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : develop and apply basic technical and knowledge-based skills in molecular and cell biology, and biotechnology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply skills of critical inquiry, teamwork, and effective communication (by means of group projects, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe the issues and concerns fundamental to the field (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6)	*May take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2102	Biostatistics (6)	
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)	*May take either BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both. BIOL2220 and BIOC2600 are mutually exclusive.*
BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of molecular biology and biotechnology which are relevant to many other disciplines of study and our daily life. Students will learn the principles underlying current molecular and cell biology advances, and biotechnological applications and will become literate in biotechnology business and advancements.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : develop and apply basic technical and knowledge-based skills in molecular and cell biology, and biotechnology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply skills of critical inquiry, teamwork, and effective communication (by means of group projects, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe the issues and concerns fundamental to the field (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

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Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of molecular biology and biotechnology which are relevant to many other disciplines of study and our daily life. Students will learn the principles underlying current molecular and cell biology advances, and biotechnological applications and will become literate in biotechnology business and advancements.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : develop and apply basic technical and knowledge-based skills in molecular and cell biology, and biotechnology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply skills of critical inquiry, teamwork, and effective communication (by means of group projects, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe the issues and concerns fundamental to the field (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

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Notes:

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Minor Title	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of molecular biology and biotechnology which are relevant to many other disciplines of study and our daily life. Students will learn the principles underlying current molecular and cell biology advances, and biotechnological applications and will become literate in biotechnology business and advancements.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : develop and apply basic technical and knowledge-based skills in molecular and cell biology, and biotechnology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : understand and describe the issues and concerns fundamental to the field (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

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BIOL3409	Business aspects of biotechnology (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of molecular biology and biotechnology which are relevant to many other disciplines of study and our daily life. Students will learn the principles underlying current molecular and cell biology advances, and biotechnological applications and will become literate in biotechnology business and advancements.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : develop and apply basic technical and knowledge-based skills in molecular and cell biology, and biotechnology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply skills of critical inquiry, teamwork, and effective communication (by means of group projects, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe the issues and concerns fundamental to the field (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
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BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
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BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
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BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology aims to provide students with a fundamental understanding of molecular biology and biotechnology which are relevant to many other disciplines of study and our daily life. Students will learn the principles underlying current molecular and cell biology advances, and biotechnological applications and will become literate in biotechnology business and advancements.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : develop and apply basic technical and knowledge-based skills in molecular and cell biology, and biotechnology (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : develop and apply skills of critical inquiry, teamwork, and effective communication (by means of group projects, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : understand and describe the issues and concerns fundamental to the field (by means of coursework and laboratory-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive)

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)	
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*
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BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)	
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BIOL2306	Ecology and evolution (6)	*May take either BIOL1309 or BIOL2306 to fulfill this 12 credits requirement, but not both.*

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

BIOL3401	Molecular biology (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3402	Cell biology and cell technology (6)
BIOL3403	Immunology (6)
BIOL3409	Business aspects of biotechnology (6)
BIOL3508	Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6)
BIOL4401	Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)
BIOL4415	Healthcare biotechnology (6)
BIOL4416	Stem cells and regenerative biology (6)
BIOL4417	'Omics' and systems biology (6)
ENVS4110	Environmental remediation (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming provides students with fundamental knowledge in optimization, computational algorithm, mathematical modeling, and decision making. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from decision sciences and logistic industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in operations research & mathematical programming (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are required to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming provides students with fundamental knowledge in optimization, computational algorithm, mathematical modeling, and decision making. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from decision sciences and logistic industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in operations research & mathematical programming (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are required to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming provides students with fundamental knowledge in optimization, computational algorithm, mathematical modeling, and decision making. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from decision sciences and logistic industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in operations research & mathematical programming (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
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MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are required to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming provides students with fundamental knowledge in optimization, computational algorithm, mathematical modeling, and decision making. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from decision sciences and logistic industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in operations research & mathematical programming (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3405	Differential equations (6)
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are required to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming provides students with fundamental knowledge in optimization, computational algorithm, mathematical modeling, and decision making. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from decision sciences and logistic industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in operations research & mathematical programming (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)	
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)	
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)	
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are required to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming provides students with fundamental knowledge in optimization, computational algorithm, mathematical modeling, and decision making. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from decision sciences and logistic industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in operations research & mathematical programming (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)	
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)	
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)	
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are required to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Operations Research & Mathematical Programming provides students with fundamental knowledge in optimization, computational algorithm, mathematical modeling, and decision making. It is specifically designed for students who are interested in the above subjects and those whose majors require sophisticated mathematical skills. It aims to nurture quantitative reasoning, logical, analytical and critical thinking, innovative imagination, meticulous care to work, ability to conceptualize, skills for problem-solving and skills to tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems. It is particularly useful for solving mathematical problems arising from decision sciences and logistic industry.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : describe and demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in operations research & mathematical programming (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply mathematical methods and analysis to real life problems (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and discuss scientific issues related to mathematics (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Mathematics
Major in Mathematics (Intensive)
Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Computational & Financial Mathematics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (18 credits) (note 3)

Disciplinary Core Course (6 credits)

MATH1013	University mathematics II (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

Select either List A or List B:

List A

MATH2101	Linear algebra I (6)
MATH2211	Multivariable calculus (6)

List B

MATH2012	Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6)
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

MATH3901	Operations research I (6)
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization (6)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

MATH3405	Differential equations (6)	
MATH3600	Discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH3905	Queueing theory and simulation (6)	
MATH3906	Financial calculus (6)	
MATH3911	Game theory and strategy (6)	
MATH3943	Network models in operations research (6)	
MATH4902	Operations research II (6)	
MATH4907	Numerical methods for financial calculus (6)	
MATH7502	Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6)	
MATH7503	Topics in advanced optimization (6)	*[previous title: Topics in mathematical programming and optimization (6)]*

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 2 or above in HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are required to take MATH1011 University mathematics I.

3. Students taking the Mathematics related major/minor should check the exemption and replacement arrangement for the introductory level Disciplinary Core Mathematics courses at https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/overlapping-course-requirements.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

The Minor in Physics is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses which provides them to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale of nanomaterials to the large scale of astrophysics.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe physical systems with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze some physics problems qualitatively and quantitatively (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory works in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively in scientific issues (by means of group projects, tutorial sessions and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics
Major in Physics (Intensive)

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

PHYS1250	Fundamental physics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)
PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

List A

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)
PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Physics is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses which provides them to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale of nanomaterials to the large scale of astrophysics.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe physical systems with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze some physics problems qualitatively and quantitatively (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory works in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively in scientific issues (by means of group projects, tutorial sessions and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics
Major in Physics (Intensive)

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

PHYS1250	Fundamental physics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)
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PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

List A

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)	
PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)	
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)	
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PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)	
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)	
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)	
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

Notes:

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2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The Minor in Physics is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses which provides them to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale of nanomaterials to the large scale of astrophysics.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe physical systems with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : analyze some physics problems qualitatively and quantitatively (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and laboratory works in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : communicate and collaborate with people effectively in scientific issues (by means of group projects, tutorial sessions and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics
Major in Physics (Intensive)

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (6 credits)

PHYS1250	Fundamental physics (6)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6)
PHYS2055	Introductory relativity (6)
PHYS2150	Methods in physics I (6)
PHYS2155	Methods in physics II (6)
PHYS2160	Introductory computational physics (6)
PHYS2250	Introductory mechanics (6)
PHYS2255	Introductory electricity and magnetism (6)
PHYS2261	Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6)
PHYS2265	Introductory quantum physics (6)

2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (18 credits)

At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

List A

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6)	
PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)	
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)	
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)	
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)	
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)	
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PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

Notes:

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2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Physics is intended to provide interested students with a fundamental outlook on the subject. Students would acquire a taste of the subject through a large selection of elective courses which provides them to pursue a wide range of topics from the very small scale of nanomaterials to the large scale of astrophysics.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : identify and describe physical systems with fundamental knowledge in physics (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics
Major in Physics (Intensive)

Required courses (42 credits)

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PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)	
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)	
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)	
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
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PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
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PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

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Minor Title	Minor in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:
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PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	*[previous title: Laser and spectroscopy (6)]*
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)	
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
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PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	*[previous title: Graduate electromagnetism (6)]*
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
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Minor Title	Minor in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

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PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	*[previous title: Laser and spectroscopy (6)]*
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PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	*[previous title: Graduate electromagnetism (6)]*
PHYS7550	Graduate statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	*[previous title: Nanophysics (6)]*

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Minor Title	Minor in Physics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Physics
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2. Advanced level courses (18 credits)

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At least 18 credits selected from the following courses:

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PHYS3151	Machine learning in physics (6)	
PHYS3350	Classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS3351	Quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS3450	Electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS3550	Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6)	
PHYS3650	Observational astronomy (6)	
PHYS3653	Astrophysics (6)	
PHYS3660	Astronomy laboratory (6)	
PHYS3750	Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6)	*[previous title: Laser and spectroscopy (6)]*
PHYS3760	Physics laboratory (6)	
PHYS3850	Physical Optics (6)	*[previous title: Waves and optics (6)]*
PHYS3851	Atomic and nuclear physics (6)	
PHYS4150	Computational physics (6)	
PHYS4151	Data analysis and modeling in physics (6)	
PHYS4351	Advanced quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS4450	Advanced electromagnetism (6)	
PHYS4550	Advanced statistical mechanics (6)	
PHYS4551	Solid state physics (6)	
PHYS4650	Stellar physics (6)	
PHYS4652	Planetary science (6)	
PHYS4653	Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6)	*[previous title: Cosmology (6)]*
PHYS4654	General relativity (6)	
PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6)	
PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6)	
PHYS4850	Particle physics (6)	
PHYS7350	Graduate classical mechanics (6)	
PHYS7351	Graduate quantum mechanics (6)	
PHYS7450	Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6)	*[previous title: Graduate electromagnetism (6)]*
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PHYS7750	Physics of nanoelectronics (6)	

Notes:

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2. Students must have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent to take this minor. Students who do not fulfill this requirement are advised to take PHYS1240 Physics by inquiry.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Plant Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Plant Science is offered to students who are fascinated by the diversity and beauty of plants and the molecular mechanisms underlying their growth and development. Knowledge in plant science is essential for tackling daily-life issues such as the production of high-quality food, utilization of plant products as biofuels and extraction of beneficial phytochemicals. Recent advances in plant genetic engineering have also allowed scientists to manipulate plant growth and development for nutritional and environmental benefits. This minor aims to provide broad training in the biology of plants from the molecular to the organism level as well as the agricultural and nutritional applications of plants and plant-derived products.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate plants as an important part in our culture and their functions and roles in food, nutrition, and environment (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the fundamental concepts of plant evolution, anatomy, biochemistry, physiology and biotechnology (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : acquire necessary academic and practical skills for careers in government agencies, secondary school teaching and postgraduate research in different disciplines of plant science (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6)
BIOL1309	Evolutionary diversity (6)
BIOL2103	Biological sciences laboratory course (6)
BIOL2220	Principles of biochemistry (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (24 credits)

At least 24 credits selected from the following courses:

BIOL3107	Plant physiology (6)
BIOL3210	Grain production and utilization (6)
BIOL3314	Plant structure and evolution (6)
BIOL3408	Genetics (6)
BIOL4209	Functional foods (6)
BIOL4411	Plant and food biotechnology (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Plant Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Plant Science is offered to students who are fascinated by the diversity and beauty of plants and the molecular mechanisms underlying their growth and development. Knowledge in plant science is essential for tackling daily-life issues such as the production of high-quality food, utilization of plant products as biofuels and extraction of beneficial phytochemicals. Recent advances in plant genetic engineering have also allowed scientists to manipulate plant growth and development for nutritional and environmental benefits. This minor aims to provide broad training in the biology of plants from the molecular to the organism level as well as the agricultural and nutritional applications of plants and plant-derived products.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate plants as an important part in our culture and their functions and roles in food, nutrition, and environment (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the fundamental concepts of plant evolution, anatomy, biochemistry, physiology and biotechnology (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : acquire necessary academic and practical skills for careers in government agencies, secondary school teaching and postgraduate research in different disciplines of plant science (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

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2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Plant Science
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Plant Science is offered to students who are fascinated by the diversity and beauty of plants and the molecular mechanisms underlying their growth and development. Knowledge in plant science is essential for tackling daily-life issues such as the production of high-quality food, utilization of plant products as biofuels and extraction of beneficial phytochemicals. Recent advances in plant genetic engineering have also allowed scientists to manipulate plant growth and development for nutritional and environmental benefits. This minor aims to provide broad training in the biology of plants from the molecular to the organism level as well as the agricultural and nutritional applications of plants and plant-derived products.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : appreciate plants as an important part in our culture and their functions and roles in food, nutrition, and environment (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : understand and describe the fundamental concepts of plant evolution, anatomy, biochemistry, physiology and biotechnology (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : acquire necessary academic and practical skills for careers in government agencies, secondary school teaching and postgraduate research in different disciplines of plant science (by means of coursework, labtoratory-based, and tutorial class and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The Minor in Risk Management aims to provide interested students with basic concepts of risk management and fundamental skills of employing various statistical techniques for managing risk. The minor curriculum is particularly designed for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Risk Management or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : acquire basic understanding and identify the generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply elementary methods and models for risk assessment and management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : acquire and interpret relevant data and information for risk management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

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Learning Outcomes:

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PLO 1 : acquire basic understanding and identify the generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : acquire and interpret relevant data and information for risk management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

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STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

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Minor Title	Minor in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:

The Minor in Risk Management aims to provide interested students with basic concepts of risk management and fundamental skills of employing various statistical techniques for managing risk. The minor curriculum is particularly designed for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Risk Management or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

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PLO 1 : acquire basic understanding and identify the generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : acquire and interpret relevant data and information for risk management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

STAT1602	Business statistics (6)
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The Minor in Risk Management aims to provide interested students with basic concepts of risk management and fundamental skills of employing various statistical techniques for managing risk. The minor curriculum is particularly designed for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Risk Management or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : acquire basic understanding and identify the generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : acquire and interpret relevant data and information for risk management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits from List A and List B, with at least 6 credits from List B:

List A

STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	
STAT1602	Business statistics (6)	
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	

List B

STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2603	Data management with SAS (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	*[previous title: Introduction to R programming and elementary data analysis (6)]*

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3611	Computer-aided data analysis (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3614	Business forecasting (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

The Minor in Risk Management aims to provide interested students with basic concepts of risk management and fundamental skills of employing various statistical techniques for managing risk. The minor curriculum is particularly designed for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Risk Management or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : acquire basic understanding and identify the generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply elementary methods and models for risk assessment and management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : acquire and interpret relevant data and information for risk management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits from List A and List B, with at least 6 credits from List B:

List A

STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	
STAT1602	Business statistics (6)	
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	

List B

STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2603	Data management with SAS (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	*[previous title: Introduction to R programming and elementary data analysis (6)]*

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3611	Computer-aided data analysis (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3614	Business forecasting (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
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STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
STAT4607	Credit risk analysis (6)
STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Risk Management
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

The Minor in Risk Management aims to provide interested students with basic concepts of risk management and fundamental skills of employing various statistical techniques for managing risk. The minor curriculum is particularly designed for students from different majors to enhance their interests in Risk Management or to complement their major of study.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : acquire basic understanding and identify the generic risk management issues and techniques (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : apply elementary methods and models for risk assessment and management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : acquire and interpret relevant data and information for risk management (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Statistics

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits from List A and List B, with at least 6 credits from List B:

List A

STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	
STAT1602	Business statistics (6)	
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	

List B

STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2603	Data management with SAS (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	*[previous title: Introduction to R programming and elementary data analysis (6)]*

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3609	The statistics of investment risk (6)
STAT3610	Risk management and insurance (6)
STAT3611	Computer-aided data analysis (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3614	Business forecasting (6)
STAT3615	Practical mathematics for investment (6)
STAT3618	Derivatives and risk management (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4603	Current topics in risk management (6)
STAT4606	Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6)
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STAT4608	Market risk analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2025**

Objectives:

This Minor aims at broadening the horizon of our undergraduate students with respect to entrepreneurship, so as to arouse their interest in this aspect and better equip them. It is also important for our students to visualize how their training in science (a) is relevant to the real world and (b) can bring about huge insights via critical analysis of the operation of existing enterprises. With the vivid commercial environment and a growing atmosphere for start-ups both locally and globally, this Minor also serves to offer more competitive edge to our students via connecting their academic knowledge with the real world, even though they may not initiate their own start-ups in the short run.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the entrepreneurial process and the principles/models relevant to its different key stages (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : gain insights into how a broad range of disciplines contribute to the success of the entrepreneurial process (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : evaluate how scientific knowledge can cause impact to the society via entrepreneurship (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : develop appropriate action plans for transforming ideas into start-up companies (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and training in his/her internship in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : effectively collaborate with team members with different expertise and communicate their ideas to a range of audiences during the entrepreneurial process (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and training in his/her internship in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

(Resource, Management and Basic Entrepreneurship)

ENTR2001	Professional and leadership development (6)
IIMT1611	Principles of Technology Entrepreneurship (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

(Creativity and Innovation)

ENTR3001	Science-based innovation development (6)
ENTR3002	Customer analysis and strategic marketing (6)

(Practical Experience)

ENTR4966	Entrepreneurship internship (6)
ENTR4999	Entrepreneurship project (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students may consider taking the following courses if they wish to pursue a more focused study in topics related to entrepreneurship:BUSI38011 Business Law, BUSI3803 Company Law, STRA3706 China Business Environment.

3. Courses with the prefix ENTR are subjected to minor changes.

4. Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

This Minor aims at broadening the horizon of our undergraduate students with respect to entrepreneurship, so as to arouse their interest in this aspect and better equip them. It is also important for our students to visualize how their training in science (a) is relevant to the real world and (b) can bring about huge insights via critical analysis of the operation of existing enterprises. With the vivid commercial environment and a growing atmosphere for start-ups both locally and globally, this Minor also serves to offer more competitive edge to our students via connecting their academic knowledge with the real world, even though they may not initiate their own start-ups in the short run.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the entrepreneurial process and the principles/models relevant to its different key stages (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

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Minor Title	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Required courses (36 credits)

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Minor Title	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

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Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

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Minor Title	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

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PLO 1 : apprehend the entrepreneurial process and the principles/models relevant to its different key stages (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : evaluate how scientific knowledge can cause impact to the society via entrepreneurship (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 4 : develop appropriate action plans for transforming ideas into start-up companies (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and training in his/her internship in the curriculum)

PLO 5 : effectively collaborate with team members with different expertise and communicate their ideas to a range of audiences during the entrepreneurial process (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and training in his/her internship in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

(Resource, Management and Basic Entrepreneurship)

ENTR2001	Professional and leadership development (6)
IIMT1611	Principles of Technology Entrepreneurship (6)

2. Advanced level courses (24 credits)

Disciplinary Core Courses (24 credits)

(Creativity and Innovation)

ENTR3001	Science-based innovation development (6)
ENTR3002	Customer analysis and strategic marketing (6)

(Practical Experience)

ENTR4966	Entrepreneurship internship (6)
ENTR4999	Entrepreneurship project (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

2. Students may consider taking the following courses if they wish to pursue a more focused study in topics related to entrepreneurship:BUSI38011 Business Law, BUSI3803 Company Law, STRA3706 China Business Environment.

3. Courses with the prefix ENTR are subjected to minor changes.

4. Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

This Minor aims at broadening the horizon of our undergraduate students with respect to entrepreneurship, so as to arouse their interest in this aspect and better equip them. It is also important for our students to visualize how their training in science (a) is relevant to the real world and (b) can bring about huge insights via critical analysis of the operation of existing enterprises. With the vivid commercial environment and a growing atmosphere for start-ups both locally and globally, this Minor also serves to offer more competitive edge to our students via connecting their academic knowledge with the real world, even though they may not initiate their own start-ups in the short run.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : apprehend the entrepreneurial process and the principles/models relevant to its different key stages (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : gain insights into how a broad range of disciplines contribute to the success of the entrepreneurial process (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

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Remarks:

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Minor Title	Minor in Science Entrepreneurship
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:

This Minor aims at broadening the horizon of our undergraduate students with respect to entrepreneurship, so as to arouse their interest in this aspect and better equip them. It is also important for our students to visualize how their training in science (a) is relevant to the real world and (b) can bring about huge insights via critical analysis of the operation of existing enterprises. With the vivid commercial environment and a growing atmosphere for start-ups both locally and globally, this Minor also serves to offer more competitive edge to our students via connecting their academic knowledge with the real world, even though they may not initiate their own start-ups in the short run.

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PLO 1 : apprehend the entrepreneurial process and the principles/models relevant to its different key stages (by means of coursework and tutorial classes in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

NIL

Required courses (36 credits)

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Disciplinary Core Courses (12 credits)

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(Practical Experience)

ENTR4966	Entrepreneurship internship (6)
ENTR4999	Entrepreneurship project (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2024**

Objectives:

The curriculum of the Minor in Statistics is structured specifically to cater for the general need of non-statistical disciplines and provide basic training in statistical methodologies and their applications to practical problems. It aims to provide students with a strong and rigorous sense of quantitative reasoning that has become an indispensable skill in nearly all disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : acquire basic statistical knowledge alongside their major disciplines, with emphases on correct applications of statistical methods and insightful interpretations of statistical findings (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : equip with computational skills essential to conducting complete data analyses (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

PLO 3 : participate proactively in large-scale, multi-disciplinary studies, determine objective findings, and provide guidance on all aspects of data collection and analyses (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

STAT1018	Foundations of data science (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3021	Modern biostatistics (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3602	Statistical inference (6)
STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3604	Design and analysis of experiments (6)
STAT3606	Business logistics (6)
STAT3607	Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research (6)
STAT3608	Statistical genetics (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3613	Marketing analytics (6)
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2023**

Objectives:

The curriculum of the Minor in Statistics is structured specifically to cater for the general need of non-statistical disciplines and provide basic training in statistical methodologies and their applications to practical problems. It aims to provide students with a strong and rigorous sense of quantitative reasoning that has become an indispensable skill in nearly all disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : acquire basic statistical knowledge alongside their major disciplines, with emphases on correct applications of statistical methods and insightful interpretations of statistical findings (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

PLO 2 : equip with computational skills essential to conducting complete data analyses (by means of coursework, tutorial classes, project-based learning and presentation opportunities in the curriculum)

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

STAT1018	Foundations of data science (6)
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3021	Modern biostatistics (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3602	Statistical inference (6)
STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3604	Design and analysis of experiments (6)
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STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3613	Marketing analytics (6)
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2022**

Objectives:
The curriculum of the Minor in Statistics is structured specifically to cater for the general need of non-statistical disciplines and provide basic training in statistical methodologies and their applications to practical problems. It aims to provide students with a strong and rigorous sense of quantitative reasoning that has become an indispensable skill in nearly all disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

PLO 1 : acquire basic statistical knowledge alongside their major disciplines, with emphases on correct applications of statistical methods and insightful interpretations of statistical findings (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

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PLO 3 : participate proactively in large-scale, multi-disciplinary studies, determine objective findings, and provide guidance on all aspects of data collection and analyses (by means of coursework, tutorial classes and project-based learning in the curriculum)

Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

STAT1005	Essential skills for undergraduates: foundations of data science (6)	*Take either STAT1005 or STAT1018 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT1005 and STAT1018 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1018	Foundations of data science (6)	*Take either STAT1005 or STAT1018 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT1005 and STAT1018 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1602	Business statistics (6)	
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3021	Modern biostatistics (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3602	Statistical inference (6)
STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3604	Design and analysis of experiments (6)
STAT3606	Business logistics (6)
STAT3607	Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research (6)
STAT3608	Statistical genetics (6)
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)
STAT3613	Marketing analytics (6)
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)
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STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:
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Remarks:
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Minor Title	Minor in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2021**

Objectives:

The curriculum of the Minor in Statistics is structured specifically to cater for the general need of non-statistical disciplines and provide basic training in statistical methodologies and their applications to practical problems. It aims to provide students with a strong and rigorous sense of quantitative reasoning that has become an indispensable skill in nearly all disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this programme, students should be able to:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (12 credits)

At least 12 credits from List A and List B, with at least 6 credits from List B:

List A

STAT1005	Essential skills for undergraduates: foundations of data science (6)	*Take either STAT1005 or STAT1018 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT1005 and STAT1018 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1018	Foundations of data science (6)	*Take either STAT1005 or STAT1018 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT1005 and STAT1018 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	
STAT1602	Business statistics (6)	
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	

List B

STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2603	Data management with SAS (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	*[previous title: Introduction to R programming and elementary data analysis (6)]*
STAT2605	Demographic and socio-economic statistics (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3021	Modern biostatistics (6)
STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis (6)
STAT3602	Statistical inference (6)
STAT3603	Stochastic processes (6)
STAT3604	Design and analysis of experiments (6)
STAT3605	Quality control and management (6)
STAT3606	Business logistics (6)
STAT3607	Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research (6)
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STAT3611	Computer-aided data analysis (6)
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STAT3614	Business forecasting (6)
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STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)
STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

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Minor Title	Minor in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2020**

Objectives:

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Impermissible Combinations:

Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

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At least 12 credits from List A and List B, with at least 6 credits from List B:

List A

STAT1005	Essential skills for undergraduates: foundations of data science (6)	*Take either STAT1005 or STAT1018 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT1005 and STAT1018 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1018	Foundations of data science (6)	*Take either STAT1005 or STAT1018 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT1005 and STAT1018 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	
STAT1602	Business statistics (6)	
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STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	

List B

STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2603	Data management with SAS (6)	
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2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

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STAT3021	Modern biostatistics (6)
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Notes:

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Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

Minor Title	Minor in Statistics
Offered to students admitted to Year 1 in	**2019**

Objectives:
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Impermissible Combinations:
Major in Computing and Data Analytics
Major in Decision Analytics
Major in Risk Management
Major in Statistics
Minor in Risk Management

Required courses (42 credits)

1. Introductory level courses (12 credits)

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At least 12 credits from List A and List B, with at least 6 credits from List B:

List A

STAT1005	Essential skills for undergraduates: foundations of data science (6)	*Take either STAT1005 or STAT1018 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT1005 and STAT1018 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1018	Foundations of data science (6)	*Take either STAT1005 or STAT1018 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT1005 and STAT1018 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT1601	Elementary statistical methods (6)	
STAT1602	Business statistics (6)	
STAT1603	Introductory statistics (6)	
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I (6)	

List B

STAT2602	Probability and statistics II (6)	
STAT2603	Data management with SAS (6)	
STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6)	*[previous title: Introduction to R programming and elementary data analysis (6)]*
STAT2605	Demographic and socio-economic statistics (6)	

2. Advanced level courses (30 credits)

Disciplinary Electives (30 credits)

At least 30 credits selected from the following courses:

STAT3021	Modern biostatistics (6)	
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STAT3606	Business logistics (6)	
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STAT3608	Statistical genetics (6)	
STAT3611	Computer-aided data analysis (6)	
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning (6)	
STAT3613	Marketing analytics (6)	
STAT3614	Business forecasting (6)	
STAT3617	Sample survey methods (6)	
STAT3620	Modern nonparametric statistics (6)	
STAT3621	Statistical data analysis (6)	
STAT3655	Survival analysis (6)	*Take either STAT3655 or STAT3955 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT3655 and STAT3955 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT3955	Survival analysis (6)	*Take either STAT3655 or STAT3955 to fulfill the requirement; but not both. STAT3655 and STAT3955 are mutually exclusive.*
STAT4601	Time-series analysis (6)	
STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis (6)	

STAT4610	Bayesian learning (6)

Notes:

1. Double counting of credits is not permissible for major-minor or double-minors combinations. For a course appears as a core course ("disciplinary core") in the major-minor or double-minors, students have to make up the credits by taking replacement course in the minor. For details, please refer to "Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements" in the BSc syllabuses.

Remarks:

Important! Ultimate responsibility rests with students to ensure that the required pre-requisites and co-requisite of selected courses are fulfilled. Students must take and pass all required courses in the selected primary science major in order to satisfy the degree graduation requirements.

SECTION VIII

Students taking double Majors,

Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements

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SECTION VIII Students taking double Majors, Major-Minor or double Minors with overlapping course requirements

1. Double-counting of courses up to a maximum of 24 credits is permissible with double majors. The double-counted courses in both Science majors should include SCNC1111 and SCNC1112 (unless otherwise exempted). 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.

2. 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:

Major-Major combination	Admission Year (Year 1)	No. of common 'disciplinary core' courses (credits) appear in both majors including SCNC1111 and SCNC1112	No. of replacement courses (credits) to be taken in the 2nd major ('Major 2')
Major in Biochemistry Major in Chemistry	All years	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Ecology & Biodiversity	All years	7 (42 credits)	3 (18 credits)
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Food & Nutritional Science	2019, 2020	6 (36 credits)	2 (12 credits)
	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	All years	6 (36 credits)	2 (12 credits)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity Major in Food & Nutritional Science	2019, 2020	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	All years	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)
Major in Food & Nutritional Science Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2019, 2020	6 (36 credits)	2 (12 credits)
	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)

If more than 24 credits (including SCNC1111 & SCNC1112, unless otherwise exempted) 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 the 2nd 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 second major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology to make up for BIOL2102 or BIOL2103.

3. Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111:
    - Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
    - Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
    - Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
    - Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

    It is optional for them to take the course SCNC1111. Those who are eligible for exemption and do not take this course in their first year of study should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.

Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112:

- Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
- Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL)
- Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

It is optional for them to take the course SCNC1112. Those who are eligible for exemption and do not take this course in their first year of study should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu.

The eligible students will be informed by the Faculty, via email, of the granting of an exemption from taking SCNC1111 and/or SCNC1112 in late August (before the start of your first year of study). You (as an eligible student) can try out courses that suit your academic interest before you commit to a particular major and submit your application form for taking a replacement course(s) for SCNC1111 and/or SCNC1112 via the Science Online Application Submission System (OASS) during the courses add/drop periods in your second/third year of study. The replacement course must be the disciplinary elective in your declared Science major. If you wish to take double Science majors, you should take the disciplinary elective in each of your declared Science majors to replace the exempted SCNC course(s).

Under these circumstances, the following list shows the major-major combinations that have 24 credits (or more) of the same 'disciplinary core' courses that appear in both Science majors and is subject to the rule of double counting:

Scenario #1
(a) Admission Year (Year 1): 2020 & thereafter
Exemption granted: SCNC1111
OR
(b) Admission Year (Year 1): 2021 & thereafter
Exemption granted: SCNC1112

Major-Major combination	Admission Year (Year 1)	Exemption granted	No. of replacement courses (credits) to be taken in the 1st major ('Major 1')	No. of common 'disciplinary core' courses (credits) appear in both Science majors including SCNC1111 and SCNC1112	No. of replacement courses (credits) to be taken in the 2nd major ('Major 2')
Major in Biochemistry Major in Chemistry	2020 & thereafter 2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)
Major in Biochemistry Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2020 & thereafter 2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	4 (24 credits)	1 (6 credits) *- to replace SCNC1111 or SCNC1112*
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Ecology & Biodiversity	2020 & thereafter 2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	7 (42 credits)	3 (18 credits)
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Food & Nutritional Science	2020	SCNC1111	1 (6 credits)	6 (36 credits)	2 (12 credits)
	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2020 & thereafter 2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	6 (36 credits)	2 (12 credits)
Major in Earth System Science Major in Geology	2020 & thereafter 2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	4 (24 credits)	1 (6 credits) *- to replace SCNC1111 or SCNC1112*
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity Major in Food & Nutritional Science	2020	SCNC1111	1 (6 credits)	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)
	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	4 (24 credits)	1 (6 credits) *- to replace SCNC1111 or SCNC1112*
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2020 & thereafter 2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)
Major in Food & Nutritional Science Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2020	SCNC1111	1 (6 credits)	6 (36 credits)	2 (12 credits)
	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 or SCNC1112	1 (6 credits)	5 (30 credits)	1 (6 credits)

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). 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.

(a) In light of the exempted course SCNC1111, the double counted credits should count the following courses in this order: (1) SCNC1112, (2) introductory level (levels 1 and 2) courses, and (3) advanced level (level 3 or above) courses. The 4 courses (SCNC1112, BIOL1110, BIOL2102, and BIOL2103) would be counted for the major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology. The student has to take a replacement 'disciplinary elective' course in the second major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology to make up for SCNC1111.

(b) In light of the exempted course SCNC1112, the double counted credits should count the following courses in this order: (1) SCNC1111, (2) introductory level (levels 1 and 2) courses, and (3) advanced level (level 3 or above) courses. The 4 courses (SCNC1111, BIOL1110, BIOL2102, and BIOL2103) would be counted for the major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology. The student has to take a replacement 'disciplinary elective' course in the second major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology to make up for SCNC1112.

Scenario #2
(a) Admission Year (Year 1): 2021 & thereafter
Exemption granted: SCNC1111 & SCNC1112

Major-Major combination	**Admission Year (Year 1)**	**Exemption granted**	**No. of replacement courses (credits) to be taken in the 1st major ('Major 1')**	**No. of common 'disciplinary core' courses (credits) appear in both Science majors including SCNC1111 and SCNC1112**	**No. of replacement courses (credits) to be taken in the 2nd major ('Major 2')**
Major in Biochemistry Major in Chemistry	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	5 (30 credits)	2 (12 credits) - *to replace SCNC1111 & SCNC1112*
Major in Biochemistry Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	4 (24 credits)	2 (12 credits) - *to replace SCNC1111 & SCNC1112*
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Ecology & Biodiversity	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	7 (42 credits)	3 (18 credits)
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Food & Nutritional Science	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	5 (30 credits)	2 (12 credits) - *to replace SCNC1111 & SCNC1112*
Major in Biological Sciences Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	6 (36 credits)	2 (12 credits)
Major in Earth System Science Major in Geology	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	4 (24 credits)	2 (12 credits) - *to replace SCNC1111 & SCNC1112*
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity Major in Food & Nutritional Science	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	4 (24 credits)	2 (12 credits) - *to replace SCNC1111 & SCNC1112*
Major in Ecology & Biodiversity Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	5 (30 credits)	2 (12 credits) - *to replace SCNC1111 & SCNC1112*
Major in Food & Nutritional Science Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2021 & thereafter	SCNC1111 & SCNC1112	2 (12 credits)	5 (30 credits)	2 (12 credits) - *to replace SCNC1111 & SCNC1112*

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). In light of the exempted course SCNC1111 & SCNC1112, the double counted credits should count the following courses in this order: (1) introductory level (levels 1 and 2) courses, and (2) 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 3 courses (BIOL1110, BIOL2102, and BIOL2103) would be counted for the major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology. The student has to take 2 replacement 'disciplinary elective' courses in the second major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology to make up for SCNC1111 & SCNC1112.

4. 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.

5. 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:

Exempted Course	**Exemption granted under the following circumstances**	**Specified Replacement Course**
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
	For students taking Programme / Major / Minor with Disciplinary Core Courses : **MATH1851 and MATH1853** *(which are together deemed equivalent to MATH1013)*	
	For students taking Programme with Disciplinary Core Course : **MATH1821** *(which is equivalent to MATH1013)*	
MATH2014 Multivariable calculus and linear algebra	For students taking Programme/Major with Disciplinary Core Course : **MATH2101 and MATH2211** *(which are together deemed equivalent to MATH2014)*	Select **6 credits** from the following to replace MATH2014: • Any 6-credit level 2 or above Mathematics Disciplinary Elective chosen from the Programme/Major/Minor structure in which MATH2014 is the disciplinary core course
	For students taking Programme with Disciplinary Core Course : **MATH2822** *(which is equivalent to MATH2014)*	

6. For the situations of 2, 3, 4 and 5 above, students have to complete and submit the online application form to the Faculty Office via the Science Online Application Submission System (OASS) by the deadline of course selection or add/drop periods. The application will then be forwarded to the relevant Course Selection Adviser (CSA) for endorsement and comment (if any).

SECTION IX

Course Descriptions

SCIENCE

BIOC1600	**Perspectives in biochemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Tanner, Biomedical Sciences *(jatanner@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr B H B Yuen,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr W C W Chan,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr. J W Y Ho,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof J Tanner,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof M S Y Huen,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof. Y S Chan,Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine)		
Course Objectives	[This is a certified Communication-intensive (CI) Course which meets all of the requirements endorsed by HKU's Senate, including (i) the teaching and assessment of written and visual communication 'literacies'; and (ii) at least 40% of the course grade assigned to communication-rich assessment tasks.] - Teach students a biochemical perspective on each of the Basic Sciences focusing on concepts fundamental to the learning of Biochemistry. - Promote deep learning of course material through an integrated programme of practical and collaborative tasks. - Inspire students with a view of the great discoveries and future challenges for Biochemistry. - Help students make the transition from school to university by developing their teamwork, independent study skills and confidence to communicate within a Biochemistry learning environment.		
Course Contents & Topics	A Biochemical Perspective on the Basic Sciences A. Chemistry for Biochemistry The elements and bonding (from carbon to Coenzyme A); Resonance and orbital theory (a focus on the electron); Structure and conformation (thinking in 3 dimensions); Isomerism (from mirrors to thalidomide); Water (the universal biochemical solvent) & buffer; Quantitation in chemistry (who was Avogadro anyway?). B. Biology for Biochemistry The basic building blocks of life (proteins, DNA, lipids, carbohydrate); The Central Dogma of Molecular Biology; Evolution (considering molecular evolution); Origins of life (the chicken-egg paradox of proteins and DNA) C. Physics and Mathematics for Biochemistry Thermodynamics from a Biological Perspective; Introduction to molecular recognition and binding (DNA melting); Statistics for biochemistry (applied statistics for what you really need to know); Thinking numbers (exponentials, logs and the limits of life). D. Inspiring Biochemistry The protein; The gene; Vitamins and disease; Synthetic biology; The challenges of modern-day genetics Drugs-successes and failures.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe the basics of biomolecular structure from a chemical perspective, using texts and diagrams, thereby integrating the basic sciences of biology, chemistry and physics into a biochemical perspective		
	CLO 2 apply knowledge of biomolecular structure to review major discoveries and contemporary issues in molecular biology		
	CLO 3 interpret scientific data and discuss major issues in biochemistry, using the scientific literature		
	CLO 4 demonstrate communication skills and the ability to collaborate with colleagues in practicals and in presentation of scientific ideas via written and oral proficiencies		
	CLO 5 relate how biochemistry intersects with the three basic sciences of biology, chemistry and physics, and recognize the transition from school to university level study		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Biology, Chemistry, or Combined Science with Biology or Chemistry component, or equivalent Not for students who have passed in BIOL1110, or have already enrolled in this course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Exceptionally good performance demonstrating comprehensive understanding of the subject matter; critical insight into use of scientific data and the scientific literature; superior presentation and group collaboration skills.		
	B Good performance demonstrating full understanding of the subject matter; coherent insight into use of scientific data and the scientific literature; good presentation and group collaboration skills.		
	C Satisfactory performance demonstrating adequate understanding of the subject matter; some insight into use of scientific data and the scientific literature; some presentation and group collaboration skills.		
	D Limited performance demonstrating some understanding of basic subject matter; some ability to use scientific data and the scientific literature; limited presentation and group collaboration skills.		
	Fail Poor understanding of subject matter; with little to no insight into use of scientific data; no understanding of the scientific literature and unable to present or collaborate.		
Communication-intensive Course	Y		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	or workshops	36
Group work	Practical classess	12
Reading / Self study		50
Assessment	Tasks and preparation	30

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	including practical writeups	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Project reports	group communication project	30	CLO 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC

BIOC2600	Basic biochemistry (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	Quota	300
Course Co-ordinator	Dr M Kotaka, Biomedical Sciences *(masayo@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr M Kotaka,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr. ML Khong,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof A S L Wong,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof J Kim,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed to present an overview of biochemistry of fundamental importance to the life process. We aim to develop appreciation of the basics in biochemistry as a common ground for science and non-science students to progress into their areas of specialization. Students intending to pursue further studies in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology will find this course particularly helpful.		
Course Contents & Topics	Structure and functions of carbohydrates, lipids, nucleic acids, amino acids and proteins; enzymes and co-enzymes; basic bioenergetics; key metabolic processes in a living cell; signaling across cell membranes; flow of genetic information		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 relate the structures to functions of major biomolecules including carbohydrates, amino acids and lipids		
	CLO 2 explain the fundamentals and significance of bioenergetics, metabolism and intracellular signaling		
	CLO 3 explain the fundamentals and importance of the flow of genetic information		
	CLO 4 explain the molecular mechanisms of disorders related to metabolism of carbohydrates, amino acids and/or lipids		
	CLO 5 demonstrate skills in working and collaborating together with colleagues in group assignments		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 or ENGG1207 or BMED1207; and Not for students who have passed in BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301, or have already enrolled in these courses.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrates thorough and complete mastery of the entire range of knowledge and analytical skills as required for maximal attainment in all the course learning outcomes; excellence in critical thinking towards application of the knowledge in a range of contexts.		
	B Demonstrates substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and analytical skills as required for attainment of the majority of course learning outcomes; good evidence of critical thinking towards application of the knowledge in a range of contexts.		
	C Demonstrates general but incomplete command of knowledge and analytical skills as required for attainment of adequate course learning outcomes; some evidence critical thinking towards application of the knowledge in a range of contexts.		
	D Demonstrates partial but limited command of knowledge and analytical skills as required for attainment of some of the course learning outcomes; limited evidence of critical thinking towards application of the knowledge in a range of contexts.		
	Fail Demonstrates little or no evidence of command of knowledge and analytical skills as required for attainment of the course learning outcomes; lacking in critical thinking towards application of the knowledge in a range of contexts.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours**		
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**		
	Examination		50 CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Assignments 20%; Quizzes 30%	50 CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Nelson DL, Cox MM (2017) Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, 7th ed. W.H. Freeman, New York. Any other Biochemistry textbooks, e.g. Berg JM, Tymoczko JL, GJ Gatto Jr, Stryer L (2019) Biochemistry, 9th ed. W.H. Freeman, New York.		
Additional Course Information	Also offered as BMED2301 "Life Sciences I (Biochemistry)" to students of the Faculty of Engineering. Students who have passed BMED2301 (previously known as MEDE2301) is considered to have passed BIOC2600.		

BIOC3601	Basic metabolism (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	Quota	80
Course Co-ordinator	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences *(yuenbbh@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr B H B Yuen,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr WW Ng,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide foundation concepts of metabolism. It will enable students of this course to see how some of the basic concepts in biochemistry (specifically those learned in BIOC1600 and BIOC2600) could be applied to explain one of the most important and cardinal issues of biological life: the acquisition of metabolic energy. The course will lay the foundation for the more advanced courses offered in the Biochemistry Major and will also serve as a useful complement to courses on nutrition and dietetics.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course focuses on the central metabolic pathways involved in the provision of energy needed by living organisms. Major metabolic pathways covered in this course include those that are involved in the synthesis and breakdown of glucose, glycogen, triacylglycerol, and amino acids. The metabolism of purines and pyrimidines will also be considered. Emphasis is on the understanding of the metabolic reactions involved and how they are regulated in relation to environmental cues. Metabolic derangements as a basis of diseases will also be discussed.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 achieve a vigorous intellectual appreciation of basic principles of functional organization of metabolic networks		
	CLO 2 identify one's own gaps of basic knowledge in metabolism and to fill up those gaps from literature resources through effective means or approaches		
	CLO 3 develop scientific writing and effective oral communication skills for the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301		

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrates thorough and extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Displays a strong analytical ability and logical thinking and is able to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex situations. Consistently able to communicate sophisticated ideas confidently and clearly.
B	Demonstrates substantial knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Shows evidence of analytical ability and logical thinking and is sometimes able to apply knowledge to complex situations. Often communicates complex ideas clearly.
C	Demonstrates general but incomplete knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Shows evidence of some analytical ability and logical thinking and is sometimes able to apply knowledge to familiar or uncomplicated situations. Sometimes communicates ideas clearly.
D	Demonstrates limited knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Shows poor analytical ability and logical thinking and is rarely able to apply knowledge to solve problems. Has difficulty in expressing ideas coherently.
Fail	Demonstrates little or no evidence of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lacks analytical ability and logical thinking and is unable to apply knowledge to solve problems. Ineffective at communicating ideas.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	glycolysis; gluconeogenesis; pentose phosphate pathway; glycogen metabolism; lipid metabolism; amino acid, purine and pyrimidine metabolism; regulation and integration of metabolic pathways	36
Tutorials	working on problems relating to the lecture topics	12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		60	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Berg JM, Tymoczko JL, GJ Gatto Jr, Stryer L (2015) Biochemistry, 8th ed. W.H. Freeman, New York. Devlin TM (2011) Textbook of Biochemistry: with Clinical Correlations, 7th ed. John Wiley & Sons Inc, New York. Nelson DL (2021) Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, 7th ed. W.H. Freeman, New York.

BIOC3604	**Essential techniques in biochemistry and molecular biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	70
Course Co-ordinator	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences *(yuenbbh@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr B H B Yuen,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr. WW Ng,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof D K Y Shum,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof Z J Zhou,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof. K Zhou,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To give students a general overview of different experimental approaches and model systems, and to provide students with hands-on experience in basic biochemical and molecular techniques.		
Course Contents & Topics	Basic concepts in experimental science; writing of lab notebooks; experimental approaches - genetic, biochemical, molecular, genomic and others; methods for isolation and analysis of carbohydrates, proteins, lipids and nucleic acids; subcellular fractionation; enzyme assays and spectrophotometry; basic nucleic acid manipulation - PCR, site-directed mutagenesis, blotting and hybridization, cloning strategies, restriction mapping.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe and explain the principles underlying various biochemical and molecular techniques
CLO 2	apply different techniques to isolate and characterize carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids in hands-on laboratory sessions
CLO 3	interpret and discuss scientific data using appropriate scientific language
CLO 4	collaborate effectively with team members in laboratory sessions

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or BMED2301 or MEDE2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrates thorough and extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Shows strong analytical ability and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Competently conducts laboratory skills and techniques with confidence and can critically appraise data to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrates substantial knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Shows evidence of critical thinking and analytical skills. Conducts laboratory skills and techniques with confidence and can appraise data to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrates general but incomplete knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Shows some evidence of critical thinking and analytical skills. Conducts laboratory skills and techniques to a satisfactory level of competence and can sometimes correctly appraise data and draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrates partial but limited knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Shows limited critical thinking and analytical skills. Displays poor laboratory skills and techniques and is rarely able to use data to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrates little or no evidence of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lacks analytical ability and logical thinking. Displays ineffective lab skills and techniques and is unable to use data to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		12
Laboratory		72
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		76

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Written assignments (Lab reports and reading assignments) 25%; Lab skill and problem-solving exercises 25%)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Cox MM, Doudna JA and O'Donnell M (2015) Molecular Biology: Principles and Practice, 2nd ed. Macmillan. Scopes RK (1994) Protein Purification: Principles and Practice. 3rd ed, Springer Advanced Texts in Chemistry, Springer-Verlag, New York. Wilson K, Walker KM (2010) Principles and Techniques of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. 7th ed. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.			

BIOC3605	**Sequence bioinformatics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	80
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y H Huang, Biomedical Sciences *(yuanhua@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A B Kinghorn,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr B C W Wong,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof Y H Huang,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course will examine existing bioinformatics tools for DNA and protein sequence analysis. The underlying principles of these analysis programs and services will be presented. Students will learn how to retrieve, analyze, and compare protein and DNA sequences using bioinformatics tools available on the internet. A basic introduction to the principles and tools for the analysis of next generation sequencing data will also be presented.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will introduce and discuss the following topics: DNA and protein sequence database, protein family databases; information searching and retrieval; Simple sequence analysis; sequence alignment: pair-wise alignment, multiple sequence alignment, substitution matrices; sequence database searching: algorithm and parameters; sequence patterns and motifs, and profiles; phylogenetic analysis; gene prediction; analysis of next generation sequencing data		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 search and retrieve sequence data from biological databases CLO 2 describe the algorithms of commonly used methods for pairwise and multiple alignments, BLAST database search, phylogenetic trees construction, and gene prediction CLO 3 apply the techniques of sequence analysis in various biological context CLO 4 interpret results from sequence alignments, BLAST database searches, and phylogenetic trees construction CLO 5 carry out basic analysis of next generation sequencing data		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or BBMS2003 or BBMS2007 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrates thorough and complete mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes; strong critical thinking; excellent ability to apply bioinformatics skills in a range of context. **B** Demonstrates substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes; evidence of critical thinking; good ability to apply bioinformatics skills in a range of context. **C** Demonstrates general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcome; some critical thinking; adequate ability to apply bioinformatics skills in a range of context. **D** Demonstrates partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes; limited critical thinking; limited ability to apply bioinformatics skills in a range of context. **Fail** Demonstrates little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes; lack of critical thinking; little or no ability to apply bioinformatics skills in a range of context.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 2, 3, 4
	Test	Quiz	10	CLO 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Higgs, P.G. & Attwood, T.K., 2005. Bioinformatics and molecular evolution, Malden, MA ; Oxford: Blackwell. Mount, D.W., 2004. Bioinformatics : sequence and genome analysis 2nd ed., Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press.			

BIOC3606	**Molecular medicine (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof D Y Jin, Biomedical Sciences *(dyjin@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr. CP Chan,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr. ZW Ye,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof D Y Jin,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide up-to-date knowledge of the molecular and cellular basis of selected human diseases including cancer and infection with HIV and influenza viruses, thereby preparing the students for a career in biomedical, biotechnological, pharmaceutical and genomic research.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course covers cell signaling in relation to human diseases, molecular basis of cancer and viral diseases, and molecular therapeutics. Specific topics may include cell signaling, mouse model of human diseases, oncogenes and tumour suppressor genes, genome instability, HIV science, genetics and pathogenesis of influenza viruses,		

	molecular approaches to vaccine development, immune checkpoint therapy, stem cells and stem cell therapy, gene therapy, and nucleic acid therapeutics. Basic knowledge of biochemistry and molecular cell biology is assumed for students taking this course.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	explain the molecular mechanisms underlying selected human diseases including cancer and emerging infections
CLO 2	illustrate the application of molecular biology in medicine with examples; apply biochemical, molecular and cell biological, genetic, immunological as well as microbiological principles and methods to solve new medical problems
CLO 3	interpret and communicate new results about molecular aspects of medicine in the literature to a wider audience in the community
CLO 4	integrate and translate knowledge in molecular biology to new approaches in disease prevention and intervention

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations): Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301

Offer in 2025 - 2026: Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y | **Examination**: May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Displays a comprehensive grasp of the key concepts underlying the molecular basis of human diseases, with few omissions or errors. Able to articulate clearly with examples how knowledge in molecular biology can lead to new strategies in disease prevention and intervention. Evidence of strong analytical and critical thinking when dealing with complex scientific data. Some evidence for additional information beyond what is given in the lectures.
B	Displays a substantial and near-complete grasp of the key concepts underlying the molecular basis of human diseases, but without depth in some areas and with some omissions and factual errors. An understanding of the topic though is clear. Able to relate knowledge in molecular biology to new strategies in disease prevention and intervention. Able to apply analytical and critical thinking skills when dealing with scientific data.
C	Displays a general understanding of the key concepts underlying the molecular basis of human disease and is sometimes able to relate knowledge in molecular biology to new strategies in disease prevention and intervention. Sometimes able to apply analytical and critical thinking skills when dealing with scientific data.
D	Displays a limited understanding of the key concepts underlying the molecular basis of human disease and is rarely able to relate knowledge in molecular biology to new strategies in disease prevention and intervention. Evidence of weak analytical and critical thinking skills when dealing with scientific data.
Fail	Displays an incorrect or incomplete understanding of the key concepts underlying the molecular basis of human disease and is unable to relate this knowledge to effective treatment strategies. No evidence of analytical or critical thinking skills when dealing with scientific data.

Communication-intensive Course: N

Course Type: Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	in-class quizzes	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials

Lodish et al: Molecular Cell Biology 9th ed., 2021
Alberts et al: Molecular Biology of the Cell 6th ed., 2015 (4th ed. is available at NCBI Books)
Plopper et al: Lewin's Cells, 3rd ed., 2014

BIOC3999 Directed studies in biochemistry (6 credits)

Academic Year: 2025

Offering Department: Biomedical Sciences | **Quota**: 36

Course Co-ordinator: Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences *(yuenbbh@hku.hk)*

Teachers Involved: (All academic staff in Biochemistry Major,Biomedical Sciences)
(Dr B H B Yuen,Biomedical Sciences)

Course Objectives

[This is a certified Communication-intensive (CI) Course which meets all of the requirements endorsed by HKU's Senate, including (i) the teaching and assessment of oral and written communication 'literacies'; and (ii) at least 40% of the course grade assigned to communication-rich assessment tasks.]

To enhance students knowledge of a particular topic and the students self-directed learning and critical thinking skills.

Course Contents & Topics: The student undertakes a self-managed study on a topic in biochemistry under the supervision of a staff member. The topic is preferably one not sufficiently covered in the regular curriculum. The directed study can be a critical review or a synthesis of published work on the subject. A laboratory or field study may also be involved that would enhance the student's understanding of the subject.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	critically appraise research literature in a specific area of biochemistry and molecular biology
CLO 2	examine the theoretical or experimental basis for existing concepts
CLO 3	identify questions and evaluate issues for further research development
CLO 4	interpret scientific data in original research articles and communicate using appropriate scientific language

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations): Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Biochemistry Major including BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 and BIOL3401.
This capstone course is for Biochemistry Major students only.
The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.

Offer in 2025 - 2026: Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y | **Examination**: No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Produces a sophisticated and detailed appraisal of the biochemical literature, displaying a comprehensive and deep understanding of the selected topic. Able to contextualize all the ideas within a personal framework of knowledge and evaluate relevant issues emerging from the study. Works proactively with a supervisor to enhance understanding and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience in an effective way and responds knowledgeably to questions. Excellent time-management skills and able to reflect honestly on one's own learning.
B	Produces a coherent appraisal of the biochemical literature, displaying a sound understanding of the selected topic. Able to contextualize many of the ideas within a personal framework of knowledge and identify some relevant issues emerging from the

		study. Works constructively with a supervisor to enhance understanding and scientific writing skills. Clearly communicates the findings to a broader audience and responds knowledgeably to most questions. Able to time-manage effectively and reflect on one's own learning.
	C	Produces a reasonable appraisal of the biochemical literature, displaying an adequate understanding of the selected topic. Able to contextualize a few of the ideas within a personal framework of knowledge and makes some attempt to identify some relevant issues emerging from the study. Works with a supervisor and other co-workers to improve understanding and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience with reasonable clarity and responds to most questions. Acceptable time-management and self-reflection skills.
	D	Produces a superficial appraisal of the biochemical literature, displaying a limited understanding of the selected topic. Able to contextualize a few of the ideas within a personal framework of knowledge but unable to identify any relevant issues emerging from the study. Works reluctantly with a supervisor and other co-workers to develop understanding and scientific writing skills. Displays weak communication skills when presenting the findings to a broader audience. Poor time-management and self-reflection skills.
	Fail	Fails to appraise the biochemical literature and thus unable to display any understanding of the selected topic. Unable to contextualize the ideas within a personal framework of knowledge or identify any relevant issues emerging from the study. Works in isolation, thus failing to make progress in understanding and scientific writing skills. Unable to communicate effectively when presenting the findings to a broader audience. No time-management skills or ability to self-reflect.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Reading / Self study	at least 120 hours on the project	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report	Supervisor comments 15%; Mind map 10%	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Dissertation		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Oral presentation		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	as suggested by project supervisors

BIOC4610	**Advanced biochemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	70
Course Co-ordinator	Dr W C W Chan, Biomedical Sciences *(cwilson@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr W C W Chan,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof J F C Ti,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof R Hervas Millan,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims at providing students an in-depth understanding of molecular and cellular signaling in multicellular organisms. This course is particularly useful for students interested in research or intending to develop a career in biomedical sciences.		
Course Contents & Topics	A. Inter and intracellular signal transduction mechanisms Cell-surface receptors and signal transduction proteins; G-Protein-coupled receptors: structure and mechanism; signaling pathways that control gene expression: receptors that activate protein tyrosine kinases, the Ras/MAP kinase pathway, phosphoinositide signaling pathways and receptor serine kinases that activate Smads B. Cytoskeleton as target of signal transduction The microtubule cytoskeleton; kinesin and dynein motor; the actin cytoskeleton; myosin; the intermediate filament; cytoskeletion and cell behavior; cytoskeleton and intracellular transport in neuron C. Protein trafficking and sorting pathways Translocation of secretory proteins - insertion into the ER; major protein sorting pathways; protein modification, folding and quality control in the ER; molecular mechanism of vesicular traffic; protein sorting and processing D. Cell-cell and cell-matrix adhesion Cell-cell and cell-extracellular matrix (ECM) junctions and their adhesion molecules; cadherins and integrins; collagens and proteoglycans; when cell meets the matrix; regulation of signaling molecules by ECM		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe and explain the molecular and cellular signal transduction mechanisms that mediate cellular communication to achieve a plethora of cellular responses in multicellular organisms
CLO 2	apply knowledge in molecular cell biology to analyze new findings and to design further experiments
CLO 3	interpret data in research articles/problem-solving questions and communicate using appropriate scientific language
CLO 4	work effectively with classmates in tutorial classes

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC3601 or BIOL3401 or BIOL3402 or BIOL3404		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough and complete mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong critical thinking and analytical skills, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of critical thinking and analytical skills, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some critical thinking and analytical skills, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some critical thinking, but with limited analytical skills. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of critical thinking and analytical skills. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.

Communication-intensive Course	N

Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Problem-solving questions and quizzes	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lodish H et al (2016) Molecular Cell Biology, 8th ed. Freeman (New York) & Macmillan (England). Alberts B et al (2014) Molecular Biology of the Cell, 6th ed. Garland Science, New York.

BIOC4611	**Advanced biochemistry II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof D Chan, Biomedical Sciences *(chand@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C M Qian,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr M Kotaka,Physiology) (Dr N S Wong,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof D Chan,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof J Tanner,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course is aim at providing students with an up-to-date knowledge of protein biochemistry from sequence to structure and disease; realizing the importance of kinetics in cellular function and an appreciation of the technological advances in the characterization of macromolecules.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics including protein folding and misfolding in diseases; conformation of proteins and the role of conformational changes in protein function; catalytic mechanisms of enzymes and enzyme kinetics; biomolecular interactions; characterization of macromolecules using X-ray crystallography, nuclear magnetic resonance and other spectroscopy methods; protein engineering and therapeutic approaches targeting protein function.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 describe how protein structures inform functions
	CLO 2 recognize the roles of enzyme kinetics in cellular functions
	CLO 3 derive structural information of macromolecules from experimental data
	CLO 4 apply their knowledge on protein engineering and therapeutics, and on experimental designs in basic and applied research

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC3601; and BIOL3404 or CHEM2441; and Pass in BIOC4610, or already enrolled in this course
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Clear and insightful description of how protein structure informs function; clear evidence of ability to recognize mechanisms of enzyme function and interpretation of data; effectual demonstration of applying knowledge to the design of scientific methodologies and cohesive, systematic and creative organization of information for presentation and communication.
	B	Clear description of how protein structure informs function; evidence of ability to recognize mechanisms of enzyme function and interpretation of data; capable demonstration of applying knowledge to the design of scientific methodologies; and cohesive and systematic organization of information for presentation and communication.
	C	Awareness of how protein structure informs function; some evidence of ability to recognize mechanisms of enzyme function and interpretation of data; some capable demonstration of applying knowledge to the design of scientific methodologies and systematic organization of information for presentation and communication.
	D	Superficial awareness of how protein structure informs function; limited evidence of ability to recognize mechanisms of enzyme function and interpretation of data; superficial demonstration of applying knowledge to the design of scientific methodologies and limited organizational skill of information for presentation and communication.
	Fail	Lack of awareness of how protein structure informs function; lack of ability to recognize mechanisms of enzyme function and interpretation of data; superficial demonstration of applying knowledge to the design of scientific methodologies; insufficient organizational skill of information for presentation and communication.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Fersht A (1999) Structure and Mechanism in Protein Science: A Guide to Enzyme Catalysis and Protein Folding. W.H. Freeman, New York. To be given.

BIOC4612	**Molecular biology of the gene (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences *(yuenbbh@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr B H B Yuen,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr D Han,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof J A Tanner,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof SK Liang,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof ZJ Zhou,Biomedical Sciences)		

Course Objectives	To provide an up-to-date knowledge of molecular biology, especially with respect to the regulation of eukaryotic gene expression.
Course Contents & Topics	This is a comprehensive course covering many detailed molecular aspects of gene regulation and gene function. Through this course an understanding of how gene expression can be regulated at levels of transcription and post transcription will be gained.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe the mechanisms that regulate transcription, RNA processing, and translation in eukaryotic cells CLO 2 explain how cellular homeostasis is maintained through the coordinated regulation of gene expression at multiple levels CLO 3 illustrate the hierarchical regulation of gene expression in stem cells and throughout developmental processes CLO 4 apply practical skills to study chromatin structure, quantify DNA methylation, and interpret experimental data related to gene regulation CLO 5 collaborate effectively with classmates in tutorials and group activities
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC3601 or BIOL3401 or BIOL3402 or BIOL3404 or BBMS2007
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrates a deep and comprehensive understanding of the regulation of eukaryotic gene expression and its relevance to disease and effectively relates the knowledge to developmental processes. Uses skill and insight to analyse and interpret experimental data from gene regulation studies. **B** Demonstrates a competent grasp of the key concepts in the regulation of eukaryotic gene expression and its relevance to disease and is able to link the knowledge to developmental processes. Correctly analyses and interprets experimental data from gene regulation studies. **C** Demonstrates a basic understanding of the regulation of eukaryotic gene expression and its relevance to disease and is sometimes able to relate the knowledge to developmental processes. Displays a limited capacity to analyse and interpret experimental data from gene regulation studies. **D** Demonstrates a simplistic knowledge of the regulation of eukaryotic gene expression and rarely relates the information to developmental processes. Displays weak analytical skills and is rarely able to interpret experimental data from gene regulation studies. **Fail** Demonstrates incomplete or incorrect knowledge of the regulation of gene expression and is unable to relate the ideas to developmental processes. Unable to analyse or interpret experimental data from gene regulation studies.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / / 36 Laboratory / / 8 Tutorials / / 4 Reading / Self study / / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / / 40 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Assignments / / 40 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Laboratory reports / / 20 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Alberts B et al. (2014) Molecular Biology of the Cell, 6th ed. Garland Science, New York. Watson JD et al. (2014) Molecular Biology of the Gene, 7th ed. Pearson/Benjamin Cummings, San Francisco.

BIOC4613	**Advanced techniques in biochemistry & molecular biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	70
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C Y S Chung, Biomedical Sciences *(cyschung@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr M Kotaka,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr S C C Shiu,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof C Y S Chung,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof M C H Cheung,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This is an advanced experimental-based course for students majoring in Biochemistry and related disciplines. The aim is to provide the necessary training for students to pursuit postgraduate research education and potential employment in a scientific laboratory/industry environment.		
Course Contents & Topics	Hands-on experiments using advanced techniques in biochemistry, molecular and cell biology, and bioinformatics. Students will also have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with modern instruments used in life sciences.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain the basic principles of current advanced techniques commonly used in biochemistry and molecular biology CLO 2 apply and perform these techniques in other novel experimental settings CLO 3 critically evaluate experimental data and design alternative approaches to test or validate hypotheses CLO 4 collaborate with team members to complete laboratory experiments CLO 5 document laboratory work and data using a laboratory notebook following standard practices in research laboratories		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC3604		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the principles and applications of advance technologies in biochemistry; clear and effective ability to identify problems and generate solutions relating to applications in a laboratory setting; clear evidence of ability to evaluate experimental data; cohesive and systematic planning and organization of experimental design and presentation of experimental data.		

	B	Comprehensive understanding of the principles and applications of advance technologies in biochemistry; clear ability to identify problems and generate solutions relating to applications in a laboratory setting; evidence of ability to evaluate experimental data; systematic planning and organization of experimental design and presentation of experimental data.
	C	Sound understanding of the principles and applications of advance technologies in biochemistry; sound ability to identify problems and generate solutions relating to applications in a laboratory setting; some evidence of ability to evaluate experimental data; satisfactory planning and organization of experimental design and presentation of experimental data.
	D	Superficial understanding of the principles and applications of advance technologies in biochemistry; limited ability to identify problems and generate solutions relating to applications in a laboratory setting; some awareness of ability to evaluate experimental data; some evidence of planning and organization of experimental design and presentation of experimental data.
	Fail	Lack of understanding of the principles and applications of advance technologies in biochemistry; lack of ability to identify problems and generate solutions relating to applications in a laboratory setting; lack of evidence of ability to evaluate experimental data; insufficient evidence of planning and organization of experimental design and presentation of experimental data.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		12
Laboratory		72
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		76

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 3-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Wilson K, Walker KM (2010) Principles and Techniques of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. 7th ed. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

BIOC4966	**Biochemistry internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	Dr B H B Yuen, Biomedical Sciences *(yuenbbh@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Biochemistry Major,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr B H B Yuen,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to offer students the opportunities to gain work experience in the industry related to their major of study. The workplace learning experience would be of great benefit to the students to apply their knowledge gained in the study to the real work environments. Students have to take on at least 160 hours of internship work either within the University or outside the University arranged by the School/Departments.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Within the university: The student will be supervised by a staff member (Supervisor), working on a project or various tasks as instructed by the Supervisor. 2. Outside the university: The student will work in an external agency related to the major of study. The student will be supervised under a staff member of the external agency (the External Supervisor) and a staff member of the Department/School of the student (the Internal Supervisor).		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	recognize the strengths and limitations of their area of training or expertise
CLO 2	acquire problem-solving skills to solve novel and ill-defined problems
CLO 3	work effectively with colleagues in laboratories or other real world environments
CLO 4	examine the role of science in our society

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Biochemistry Major including BIOC3604. This capstone course is for Biochemistry Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail

Distinction	Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".
Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Internship

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Internship work	it is expected that students are to work at least 160 hours (or the equivalent of 4 weeks full-time)	160

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Written report		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Supervisor's feedback		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Oral presentation		30	CLO 1, 2, 4

Additional Course Information	Satisfactory completion of this course can be counted towards the Capstone requirement. Details of internship will be recorded on the student's transcript. This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval.

	Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

BIOC4999	**Biochemistry project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biomedical Sciences	**Quota**	25
Course Co-ordinator	Dr B H B Yuen; Prof J D Huang, Biomedical Sciences *(yuenbbh@hku.hk; jdhuang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Biochemistry Major,Biomedical Sciences) (Dr B H B Yuen,Biomedical Sciences) (Prof J D Huang,Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	[This is a certified Communication-intensive (CI) Course which meets all of the requirements endorsed by HKU's Senate, including (i) the teaching and assessment of oral, written and visual communication 'literacies'; and (ii) at least 40% of the course grade assigned to communication-rich assessment tasks.] To enable students to acquire the basic skills in scientific research emphasizing on critical and analytical reasoning, free and creative thinking, scholarly communication (both orally and in writing), research integrity, teamwork and time management. The course is particularly useful for those students who intend to pursue a career in life science either in research or industry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Project-related topics in biochemistry, cell, molecular and developmental biology. Experimental methods in protein and nucleic acid biochemistry; bioinformatics and cell biology. Critical appraisal of current science literature Formulation of research questions Design of experiments. Data analysis and interpretation. Scientific writing		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe recent research development in a defined area of biochemistry and molecular biology		
	CLO 2 formulate research questions and design experiments to address these questions		
	CLO 3 apply appropriate experimental techniques to solve research problems		
	CLO 4 manage and interpret experimental results		
	CLO 5 develop scientific writing skills and logically report their research findings		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Biochemistry Major including 4 of the following 5 courses: BIOL3401, BIOC3601, BIOC3604, BIOC4610 and BIOC4613. BIOC4610 and BIOC4613 can be taken concurrently with this course. This capstone course is for Biochemistry Major students only. This capstone course is ONLY opened to students who are in year 3 or above in the Biochemistry Major program.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Plans and executes a sophisticated and creative experimental investigation, framing the research question within existing knowledge. Displays tenacity and commitment, generating a meaningful body of data that is analysed with insight and comprehensively evaluated in the context of the original research question. Works proactively with a supervisor and other co-workers to enhance practical and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience in an effective and scholarly way and responds knowledgeably to questions. Excellent time-management skills.		
	B Plans and executes a detailed experimental investigation, framing the research question within existing knowledge. Works with commitment, generating a sufficient body of data that is analysed and evaluated in the context of the original research question with skill and understanding. Works constructively with a supervisor and other co-workers to enhance practical and scientific writing skills. Clearly communicates the findings to a broader audience and responds knowledgeably to most questions. Able to time-manage effectively.		
	C Plans and executes an experimental investigation, attempting to contextualize the research question. Works with adequate commitment in order to generate sufficient data for a reasonable analysis and evaluation in the context of the original research question. Works with a supervisor and other co-workers to improve practical and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience with reasonable clarity and responds to most questions. Acceptable time-management skills.		
	D Plans and executes a rudimentary experimental investigation, showing a limited ability to contextualize the research question. Displays minimal commitment when collecting data and is only able to undertake a superficial analysis and evaluation. Works reluctantly with a supervisor and other co-workers to develop practical and scientific writing skills. Displays weak communication skills when presenting the findings to a broader audience. Poor time-management skills.		
	Fail Plans and executes an experimental investigation that is flawed, ineffective or overly simplistic, that is lacking a valid scientific context. Shows no commitment when collecting data and produces an incoherent analysis and evaluation. Works in isolation, thus failing to improve practical and scientific writing skills. Displays weak communication skills when presenting the findings to a broader audience. No time-management skills.		
Communication-intensive Course	Y		
Course Type	Project-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Reading / Self study		240

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Dissertation		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Oral presentation		35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	None prescribed

BIOL1110	From molecules to cells (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	Quota	382
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G Y W Chan, Biological Sciences *(gywchan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Pro. C S C Lo,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof C S C Lo,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof G Y W Chan,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof S W Y Sin,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide basic conceptual understanding of the biology of molecules and cells to underpin later studies in applied biology, genetics, biochemistry, nutrition, biotechnology, microbiology, plant and animal physiology and developmental biology.		
Course Contents & Topics	An issue-based approach will be adopted to enable students to integrate basic concepts in molecules and cells and to inspire further investigation through the exploration of contemporary biological issues. The course is divided into 4 parts and the following is a list of some of the questions to be asked and discussed: Genes and inheritance: How do children resemble their parents? What is the central dogma of biology? What are the rules of genetic inheritance? What determines gender and sexuality? Why is that children resemble, but not identical to, their parents? What happen if some genes are non-functional or mutated? Metabolism and Health: How are diets related to good health? Do all humans have the same dietary requirements? Why can't we live without plants? Cells and cell division: What are the common features in a cell? How do cells communicate and assemble themselves to form tissues and organs? What is a cell cycle and how it is regulated? What happens if cell-cycle control system goes wrong? How newly formed cells commit themselves for differentiation? Genetic engineering and modern biology: To what extent can genes be modified? Is gene therapy the future of medicines? Is genetically modified food safe for consumption? What are the Genome Projects and why have they been important?		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	understand the relationships between genes in a genome and the inherited phenotypes expressed in a living organism
CLO 2	learn the underlying principle on how mutation of a gene can lead to the development of a genetic disease
CLO 3	understand the importance of dietary intake of biomolecules in relationship to good health
CLO 4	describe various stages in a cell division and that disturbance of this process may result in cancer development
CLO 5	describe concepts used in genetic engineering
CLO 6	know some applications of genetic engineering in gene therapy and production of genetically modified food

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Not for students who have passed in BBMS1003/BIOC1600, or have already enrolled in this course. Students who wish to take this course are expected to have taken HKDSE Biology and/or Chemistry or equivalent. For students without HKDSE Chemistry, they are encouraged to take CHEM1041 concurrently or before. Not for students having taken any level 2 (or above) Biomedical Sciences (BBMS) or Biochemistry (BIOC) or Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) course. Students having taken level 2 BBMS/BIOC/MBBS course should take the replacement course for BIOL1110 in any regular major offered by the School of Biological Sciences.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination** Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational skills. Writings consistently demonstrate informed, thoughtful intellectual engagement with broad range of relevant concepts.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational skills. Writings mostly demonstrate informed, thoughtful intellectual engagement with broad range of relevant concepts.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational skills. Writings mostly indicate informed, intellectual engagement with concepts or theories but not always with sufficient depth, breadth or understanding.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational skills. Writings indicate some intellectual engagement with concepts or theories but mostly at a superficial level.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Writings reveal an absence of intellectual engagement with concepts or theories. Writings are irrelevant or superficial.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Quota in 1st Semester: 210 Quota in 2nd Semester: 172

BIOL1111	Introductory microbiology (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	Quota	80
Course Co-ordinator	---, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(---,Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce students to the diversity and function of microorganisms; and relate this to their importance in the natural environment, disease and public health, food production and spoilage and the biotechnology industry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Evolutionary diversity of bacteria, archaea, eukarya and viruses; Metabolic strategies, cell biology and genetics; Microbial ecology, marine microbiology, terrestrial microbiology; Microbial interactions with animals and plants; The human microbiome; Medical microbiology and immunology; Biotechnology applications; Food spoilage and food fermentations.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe the key features of the major microbial phyla and place them in an evolutionary context		
	CLO 2 explain the major physiological and genetic processes in prokaryotes and eukaryotic microorganisms and compare the similarities and differences between these two domains		
	CLO 3 identify the microorganisms involved and their role in ecological processes, human disease and medicine, food production and spoilage, and biotechnology		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	Examination	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** (85-100%) Meets the standard of excellence. All criteria are addressed. Organization of ideas and clarity are excellent. Additional reading or research is evident. Ideas show an exceptional understanding of concepts. Arguments are highly persuasive and show excellent judgment and prioritization of issues. Presentation is highly creative and appealing.		
	B (70-84%) Approaches the standard of excellence. All criteria are addressed. Organization of ideas and clarity are very good. Ideas show a complete understanding of concepts. Arguments are persuasive and prioritize major issues. Presentation is creative and appealing.		
	C (55-69%) Meets an acceptable standard. All criteria are addressed. Organization of ideas and clarity are sufficient. Ideas show an effective understanding of concepts. Arguments identify major issues. Presentation is appealing but may lack clarity.		
	D (45-54%) Below acceptable standard. Most criteria are addressed. Organization of ideas and clarity are weak. Ideas show an incomplete understanding of concepts. Arguments are not persuasive. Presentation lacks creativity or is not appealing.		
	Fail (<45%) Unacceptable. Inability to identify major criteria. Very weak organization of ideas and clarity. Ideas show a lack of understanding of concepts. No coherent argument. Presentation lacks creativity or is unappealing.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		30	CLO 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Brock Biology of Microorganisms, Pearson Benjamin Cummings, 12th Edition, 2009 [HKU library call number 576.B86].
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

BIOL1201	Introduction to food and nutrition (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	Quota	133
Course Co-ordinator	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences *(lzhang17@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr L Zhang,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof J C Y Lee,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To enable student to appreciate the multidisciplinary nature in the study of Food and Nutrition. From the farmer's field to the dinner table, a basic understanding of the general properties of food in production, processing, storage and safety, as well as food security will be covered. Basic macro- and micronutrients from these food and its absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion will allow students to understand the function of these nutrients in the human body. This is an independent course which can be taken by students from various disciplines. It also prepares students for further studies in Food and Nutritional Science.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics will include food composition and functional properties of major nutrients; food additives; food hygiene, safety and regulation; food security; healthy eating-concepts and practice; essential nutrients; diet and disease relationship.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand the key components of food and be able to discuss their functional properties		
	CLO 2 understand the significance of food safety and be able to identify sources of contamination		
	CLO 3 understand the concept of a balanced diet		
	CLO 4 critically assess health problems associate with malnutrition		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show exceptional ability to articulate concepts and integrate knowledge. Demonstrate highly effective organization / writing skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show full capacity to use the appropriate concepts and assimilate the materials to solve problems. Demonstrate effective organization / writing skills.		

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show ability to apply concepts to solve simple problems. Demonstrate adequate organization / writing skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Misunderstanding of the materials is not uncommon. Ability to apply concepts and solve simple problems is limited. Demonstrate basic organization / writing skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Fail to understand concepts and show minimal competence in problem solving. Demonstrate poor organization and writing skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials	student-centered learning	12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Quiz 1 (30%); Quiz 2 (25%)	55	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		15	CLO 3, 4
	Presentation		30	CLO 1, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Fennema's Food Chemistry, Fifth Edition, CRC Press (2017) Essentials of Human Nutrition, Fifth Edition, Oxford(2017) Brown A. Understanding Food: Principles and Preparation. Wadsworth, Cengage Learning, 2011 Hotchkiss J.H. & Porter N.N. Food Science. Chapman & Hall, 1995
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

BIOL1309	**Evolutionary diversity (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	250
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B S Guenard, Biological Sciences *(bguenard@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B S Guenard,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof C S C Lo,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof C Schunter,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof. M J P Leray,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with an introduction to the diversity of plant and animal life. Recent research has resulted in fundamental changes in our understanding of evolutionary history (phylogeny). Current evolutionary trees will be used as the basis for a survey of different groups in phylogenetic sequence, and for understanding how structures, processes and behaviours have changed through time.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to the methodology for reconstructing the sequence of past evolutionary events (cladistics); algae (Rhodophyta, Phaeophyta and Chlorophyta); non-vascular plants (Hepatophyta, Anthocerophyta and Bryophyta); seedless vascular plants (Lycophyta, Psilophyta, Sphenophyta and Pterophyta); seed plants (Cycadophyta, Ginkgophyta, Coniferophyta, Gnetophyta and Anthophyta); invertebrates (Cnidaria, Platyhelminthes, Annelida, Mollusca, Nematoda, Arthropoda and Echinodermata); fish (Chondrichthyes and Actinopterygii); amphibians (Batrachomorpha); reptiles (Anapsida, Lepidosauromorpha and Archosauromorpha); and mammals (Monotremata, Metatheria and Eutheria).		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	interpret phylogenies in order to understand the relatedness of taxonomic groups and the pattern of evolutionary changes in structures, processes and behaviours
	CLO 2	describe the characteristics of different evolutionary lineages of plants and animals and recall the names of the main taxonomic groups
	CLO 3	explain the possible selective advantages of the highlighted structures, processes and behaviours
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining most or all of the course learning outcomes, with extensive use of named examples. Show evidence of significant critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply highly effective presentation skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes, with some use of named examples. Show evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective presentation skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes, with only limited use of named examples. Show evidence of some critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective presentation skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes, with insufficient use of named examples. Show evidence of limited critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply limited presentation skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes, without use of named examples. Show little or no evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking. Presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		36
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	Mid term exam (20%), Final Exam. (30%)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. H. Raven, R. F. Evert & S. E. Eichhorn: Biology of Plants (Freeman & Worth, New York, 2005, 7th ed.) E. E. Ruppert & R. D. Barnes: Invertebrate Zoology (Saunders, 2003, 7th ed.) TBC
Course Website	http://moodle@hku.hk

BIOL1501	**Bioethics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	---, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(---,Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The aim is to explore the ethical implications of the latest major advances in biology and medicine.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will discuss research ethic between student and mentor, and ethical implications in recent major advancements in biological and medical sciences. Major areas to be discussed include but are not limited to: genetics, reproduction, disease diagnosis and therapy, development, transplantation, aging, dying, environment, and the use of animals in research. Ethical and moral principles and implications for social framework and public policy raised by these advances will be discussed.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 familiarize with the current ethical theories, discussions, and arguments taking place in the field of bioethics specifically related to the advancement of modern molecular biology and genomics		
	CLO 2 reflect upon and formulate in a professional manner their own opinions on these matters as well as to understand and enter into a respectful dialogue with those who possess another point of view		
	CLO 3 understand the basis of one's own position, as well as the basis of another person's opinion		
	CLO 4 deal with the quandaries that arise when facing modern medical technology and advancements		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Assessment		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	continuous assessment of essays, presentation and debate exercises	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	NIL Library & web-based reading materials
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL1502	**The gene (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	---, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(---,Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The objective is to expose students to the impacts of genes to the society. Recent completion of the human genome and many agricultural crops and animals genomes, it brings not only promises of a better quality of life as well as lots of technical and ethical issues/challenges that general public need to deal with. The goal of this course is to open up students from all backgrounds to this basic unit of inheritance called the gene and its impact on various scientific and social disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	Content/topics include: Introduction and review of basic cell biology Basic genetic - The gene Basic Molecular Biology and Biotechnology - Recombinant DNA and cloning Bacterial Genes - Gene and Environment		

	Human Genes/Human genome - history and its Impacts! Human Genome - The Amazing discovery! Genes and Biotechnology Genes and Disease Genes and Cancer Animal and Plant Cloning Genes and Agricultural/Food Biotechnology Genes and Human Behavior
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate understanding and to explain the principle of inheritance, recombinant DNA and cloning CLO 2 gain deep understanding about the advancement of biotechnology CLO 3 determine and explain the benefits and shortcomings of the application of biotechnology knowledge
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL Not for students with level 3 or above in HKDSE Biology or Combined Science with Biology component or equivalent.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use communication skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness individual as well as collaborative-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study	including 45 hours on 15 essay/report writing, 30 presentation (include preparation)	93

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	in-class participation & quizzes	10	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	discussion forum	35	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Essay	essays & written reports	25	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation	poster & oral presentation	30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Library & web-based reading materials
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL2101	**Principles of food chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	120
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences *(jettylee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr S K S Leung,School of Biological sciences) (Prof J C Y Lee,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a basic understanding of chemistry in food systems, and to provide practical training in chemistry related to food science and nutrition.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover the components of food, including water, proteins, carbohydrates and lipids, and minor components such as enzymes, vitamins, minerals, colorants, flavorants and additives. The physical and chemical properties of these important constituents of foods are covered in detail, and form the basis for understanding the reactions which occur during the production, processing, storage and handling of foods, and in understanding the methods used in analyzing foods		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the functions and properties of major and minor food components CLO 2 understand the basic chemistry behind food processing CLO 3 understand how major chemical and biochemical reactions influence food quality CLO 4 have integrated their knowledge of biological and chemical principles into a food science and nutrition context		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1201; and NOT for students who have passed in BIOL3201. The course is only for students admitted in 2017-2018 or thereafter.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show extensive knowledge and understanding of the topics covered and can readily apply this knowledge. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the topics covered and able to apply this knowledge and skills to most situations. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the topics covered. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information of the subject matter covered. Show a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the topics covered. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions occasionally.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the topics covered. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		36
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Laboratory	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Fennema OR, Food Chemistry (Marcel Dekker 4th Ed, 2008) Belitz HD, Grosch W, Schieberle, P, Food Chemistry (Springer 4th Ed, 2009)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	The course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers Lab. A (Quota: 60): 14:30 pm - 18:50 pm (Monday) Lab. B (Quota 60) : 13:30 pm - 17:50 pm (Wednesday)

BIOL2102	**Biostatistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	192
Course Co-ordinator	Dr E Pickett, Biological Sciences *(epickett@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr E Pickett,Faculty of Science) (Prof J D Gaitan-Espitia,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to is to introduce students to the core ideas and concepts of statistical analysis with special attention to the modeling approaches used in biological sciences. The course will give students the skills and knowledge to understand how to apply these concepts using the R statistical programming language for data analysis. Although the course covers some basic concepts (experimental design, distributions, hypothesis testing), the main emphasis of the course is on model building and selection, linear models (regression and analysis of variance), basic random effects and mixed effects models.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to Statistics and Probability; Descriptive Statistics and Estimation; Statistical Inference; Statistical Explanation and Diagnosis; Likelihood and Model Selection, Categorical predictors (ANCOVA and ANOVA); Factorial design, Multiple Comparisons and Block Design; Correlation and Regression Analyses; Multiple Regression Analysis. Students will learn how to use R to conduct the statistical analyses, and correctly interpret the results.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	formulate biological questions into statistical questions
CLO 2	design experiments effectively
CLO 3	appreciate and interpret statistics in scientific paper
CLO 4	use R to carry out common statistical computations
CLO 5	understand the assumptions of commonly used statistical methods
CLO 6	critically evaluate the scientific literature
CLO 7	apply different statistical modeling methods

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC1600 or BIOL1110 or BIOL2306 or ENVS1301 or ENVS2002 or SCNC1111 Not for students who have passed in BIOL2512, BBMS2013 or BIOF2013.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Be able to critically use data and statistical results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Present evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Be able to correctly use data and statistical results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Present evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Demonstrate mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and statistical results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial and limited grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Present evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Demonstrate limited ability to use data and statistical results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.

	Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining any of the course learning outcomes. Present evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Demonstrate misuse of data and statistical results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply minimally effective or ineffective organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course: N

Course Type: Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		24
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test	12 x 5% each	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Assignments	2 x 20 % each	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Required/recommended reading and online materials

Zar, J. H. (2010). Biostatistical Analysis, 5th edition. Pearson.
Dytham, C. (1999). Choosing and Using Statistics: A Biologist's Guide. Oxford: Blackwell Science.
Good, P.I. (2013). Introduction to Statistics through Resampling Methods and R. Wiley (e-book via ebrary).
Verzani, J. (2014). Using R for Introductory Statistics. 2nd edition. CRC Press. [e-book via ebrary].
Faraway, J (2015). Linear Models with R. 2nd edition CRC Press. [e-book via ebrary].

Course Website: http://moodle.hku.hk/

BIOL2103 Biological sciences laboratory course (6 credits)

Academic Year: 2025

Offering Department: Biological Sciences

Quota: 280

Course Co-ordinator: Prof. K W Y Yuen, Biological Sciences *(kwyyuen@hku.hk)*

Teachers Involved: (Dr S K S Leung,School of Biological Sciences)
(Prof B K C Chow,School of Biological Sciences)
(Prof K W Y Yuen,Scholl of Biological Sciences)
(Prof K W Y Yuen,School of Biological Sciences)

Course Objectives: The objective is to provide students a comprehensive training in basic laboratory techniques used in modern biological studies. The course will cover a number of techniques used by molecular biologists and microbiologists to conduct scientific research.

Course Contents & Topics

This course will be divided into three modules and each module will have 3 laboratory sessions.

Module one: Nucleic acid analysis
DNA & RNA isolation, spectrometry, gel electrophoresis, restriction enzyme analysis and DNA sequence analysis.

Module two: Protein analysis
Centrifugation, chromatography and SDS-PAGE electrophoresis.

Module three: Microbiology
Microscopy, observation of microorganisms and staining of bacteria, isolation of pure cultures by streaking and serial dilution, enumeration of microbial cells by Petroff-Hausser counting chamber, and turbidity. Identification and classification of microbes from natural source and statistical analysis.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge in proper use of simple research equipment
CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how and why certain techniques are used in a research setting
CLO 3	master some basic laboratory techniques for carrying out experiments
CLO 4	understand the different ways that microorganisms were categorized according to their size, shape, colour and response to dye etc. and how they were counted

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations): Pass in BIOL1110.
Not for students having taken any level 3 (or above) Biochemistry (BIOC) course or BBMS2001.

Offer in 2025 - 2026: Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y

Examination: Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course: N

Course Type: Laboratory and workshop course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Laboratory	11 laboratory sessions (4 hours each)	44
Tutorials	lecture/tutorials	18

	Reading / Self study			100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Laboratory reports	plus lab performance	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test	1 hour final examination	50	CLO 1, 2

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Quota 170 - 1st Semester Lab A on Wed. with 30 students, Lab. B on Thurs. with 70 students and Lab. C on Fri with 70 students. Quota 110 - 2nd Semester Lab D on Thurs. with 40 students; Lab. E on Fri. with 70 students

BIOL2220	**Principles of biochemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	100
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C S C Lo, Biological Sciences *(clivelo@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C S C Lo,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed to provide undergraduate (non-biochemistry major) an overview of fundamental concepts in biochemistry as well as hands-on experience in biochemical techniques.		
Course Contents & Topics	An introduction to various biomolecules in terms of their structures, functions, syntheses and metabolisms, with emphasis on amino acids, proteins, enzymes, carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids. The correlations between their biochemical properties and their roles in various life processes will be illustrated.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe the key structural features of carbohydrates, proteins, lipids and nucleotides	
	CLO 2	understand the basic enzyme kinetic properties	
	CLO 3	explain how the common sugars, fatty acids and amino acids are metabolized and synthesized in living cells	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1110; and Not for students who have passed in BIOC2600, or have already enrolled in this course.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Integration of the full range of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. General integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Some partial integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Limited integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Little or no or inapt integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory	3 laboratory sessions	24
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		35	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	L.A. Moran, H.R. Horton, K.G. Scrimgeour, M.D. Perry: Principles of Biochemistry 5th edition (Pearson International Edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

BIOL2306	**Ecology and evolution (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	80
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L A Ashton, Biological Sciences *(lashton@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B Russell (Field course coordinator),School of Biological Sciences) (Prof B S Guenard,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof L A Ashton,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The interaction between organisms and their environment is addressed using an issue-based approach in order to explains how the ecology of plants and animals has been shaped by evolution through interactions with their living and non-living environment. The course also demonstrates how we can understand and explain the significance of what we see in nature using scientific methods. A field course component provides the opportunity to investigate how the environment influences community composition, biodiversity and adaptive radiation in a variety of habitats.		
Course Contents & Topics	The environment influences organisms profoundly. It affects their present-day ecology (determining where they live and how many can survive there) and, through natural selection acting over past generations, influences their form and adaptations. Present day human-induced changes to the environment are also responsible for endangering		

	species and degrading their habitats. This introductory course introduces some basic scientific principles of ecology and evolution, showing how they are linked to the environment by physiological tolerances and evolutionary adaptation which, in turn, lead to specialization and generate biodiversity. Individuals and their interactions will be a major focus of the course together with discussion of population dynamics, community structuring, life histories, and niche dynamics. The principles of ecology and evolution resulting from interaction with the environment will also be demonstrated by describing the origins of modern humans, including our fossil record and relationship to other primates, and the main ecological transformations caused by humans and their environmental impacts. The course will conclude with an account of the importance of biodiversity, and the factors that threaten it globally. Lectures are complemented by a 5-day field course during the Reading Week when students visit a variety of Hong Kong habitats to study their biodiversity, community composition and the relationship between organisms and their environment
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand how scientific methods (hypotheses, experiments, comparisons) are used to investigate ecological and evolutionary processes CLO 2 understand the basic mechanism of natural selection, and how interactions with the environment lead to adaptation and generate biodiversity CLO 3 understand that ecology and behaviour can be interpreted in the light of selective pressures from the environment upon individual organisms CLO 4 understand the ecological factors influencing evolution, using the human evolutionary tree as an example CLO 5 understand the community ecology and biodiversity of selected Hong Kong habitats, and typical adaptations of organisms found there
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1110 or BIOL1309 or ENVS1301 or ENVS1401
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Evidence of complete or near-complete understanding and a thorough grasp of the subject as demonstrated by attainment of all learning outcomes, and excellent use of named (organism) examples, including local species and habitats. Show excellent organizational, presentational and/or analytical skills and fieldwork techniques. Excellent or outstanding (for A+) work relative to what is required at degree level. **B** Evidence of substantial understanding and a good grasp of the subject as demonstrated by attainment of the majority of learning outcomes, and use of named (organism) examples, including local species and habitats. Show good organizational, presentational and/or analytical skills and fieldwork techniques. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level. **C** Evidence of general understanding with an adequate (but incomplete) grasp of the subject, as demonstrated by general but incomplete attainment of most of the learning outcomes, with limited use of named (organism) examples. Show fair organizational, analytical, presentational and/or analytical skills and fieldwork techniques. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level. **D** Evidence of retention of a minimum of relevant information and incomplete understanding of the subject (i.e. knowledge is very incomplete), as demonstrated by partial but limited attainment of learning outcomes. Insufficient familiarity with fieldwork techniques, habitats or organisms. Work merely (for D+) or barely (D) adequate for what is required at degree level. **Fail** Evidence of poor or inadequate knowledge and understanding of the subject such that the majority of learning outcomes cannot be attained. Little or no evidence of familiarity with fieldwork techniques, habitats or organisms. Work fails to reach degree level.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures	24 hours lectures, plus 10 hours of lectures during residential field course	34
Laboratory	at least 36 hours field and laboratory work, as groups and individuals	36
Reading / Self study	during the semester in the form of internet tutorials, assigned reading and a laboratory workshop	80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 5
Test	In-lecture quizzes	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Field course assessment	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Rickleffs & Relya (2018) Ecology: The Economy of Nature (8th edition). New York: W.H. Freeman and Company Molles & Sher (2018) Ecology: Concepts and Applications (8th edition). McGraw-Hill Education
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	A compulsory 5-day field component during the reading week. Details for the location and cost of the field course will be provided at the start of the semester. Priority will be given to students majoring in BS, BS intensive, E&B and E&B intensive.

BIOL2408	**Green earth-plants and mankind (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is intended for students interested in the fundamentals of plant biology. The course will emphasize on the essential attributes of plants to humans. At the end of the course, students are expected to know the distinct features of plants and appreciate the importance of plants in our daily lives. Specific topics such as genetic engineering and the use of plants for food and medicine, will be addressed.		
Course Contents & Topics	The importance of plants to human. How to be a plant? Types of plant biotic interactions. Plant-plant interactions. Plants and pathogens. Phytohormones. Plants and environment. Genetic improvements in agriculture. You are what you eat? Medicinal plants.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Realize how plant structure enables functions CLO 2 Comprehend the essentials of plant growth and development CLO 3 Understand the abilities of plants to detect, process, and interpret information from their surrounding environment		

	CLO 4	Recognize the interactions of plants with the living and non-living environment
	CLO 5	Appreciate the contribution of plants to humans

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1110 and BIOL2103
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Field work	Field trip	6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Lab sessions / reports	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Core Textbooks 1. Simpson, B.B. & M.C. Ogorzaly. 2014. Economic Botany: Plants in our World. McGraw-Hill. References and Online Materials 2. Teaching Tools in Plant Biology (American Society of Plant Biologists) https://academic.oup.com/plcell/pages/teaching-tools-plant-biology 3. Levetin E. & McMahon, K. 2016. Plants & Society 7th Ed. McGraw Hill
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL2409	**Biotechnology industry and entrepreneurship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W B L Lim, Biological Sciences *(bllim@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Terry Lo,Faculty of Sciience) (Guest Lecturer,School of Biological sciences) (Prof W B L Lim,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The course will give an overview of the innovative developments in biotech industry and provide the students with useful tools in learning how an exciting research idea can be turned into a viable business.		
Course Contents & Topics	The purpose of the course is to introduce you to the entrepreneurial process with a focus on the biotechnology industry. The course will provide a thoughtful, practical guide to the process of successfully launching an entrepreneurial venture. We place a special emphasis on the decision to become a biotech entrepreneur and how to develop successful business ideas, however we will also discuss the process of moving from an idea to a biotech firm. Topics on intellectual properties, patent laws, patent application process, licensing and fundraising will be covered as well. Throughout the course, guest entrepreneurs, managers and directors of the biotech industry will be presenting case studies and explain their involvement in various biotech and pharmaceutical companies. Topics: 1. Introduction to Biotechnology Industry: 4 P in Biotechnology Business (3 hours) 2. IP rights: Patent application, Patent system, USPTO, SIPO, PCT (6 hours) 3. Licensing of IP rights (3 hours) 4. Technology Transfer Office and HKSTP (3 hours) 5. How to raise fund for startup companies (3 hours)? 6. Agrobiotechnology and Green Tech (Monsanto, Novozymes, etc) (4.5 hours) 7. Drug development and clinical trials (Gilead Sciences, Wuxi PharmaTech, etc). (6 hours) 8. Diagnostics business (BGI, Diagcor, etc) (4.5 hours) 9. Company analysis (3 hours) 10. Company Visit 11. Company analysis		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

	CLO 1	understand and demonstrate knowledge of the development and management of biotechnology business
	CLO 2	understand and demonstrate how discoveries and inventions are commercialized

	CLO 3	navigate the various steps in the development of a biotechnology derived product: from bench, to scale-up,to market
	CLO 4	gain technical and business knowledge of the biotechnology and bioprocessing industries
	CLO 5	participate and contribute to the business side of scientific enterprises

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1110 NOT for Year 1 students. Priority will be given to students majoring in MBB / MBB intensive Major.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Students acquire exceptional skills and knowledge from the course and are capable of independently analyzing the business and technological developments of various biotechnology ventures.
	B	Students demonstrate a broad and in-depth understanding of the current developments in biotechnology industry and are capable of analyzing the business and technological developments of various biotechnology ventures under guidance.
	C	Students demonstrate a broad and in-depth understanding of the current developments in biotechnology industry.
	D	Students demonstrate a moderate understanding of the current developments in biotechnology industry.
	Fail	Students fail to demonstrate a moderate understanding of the current developments in biotechnology industry.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Field work		6
	Group work	Presentation	12
	Reading / Self study		60
	Assessment		18

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Presentation		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Thomas H. Byers, Richard C. Dorf, Andrew J. Nelson (2011) Technology Ventures: From Idea to Enterprise 3rd ed. McGraw Hill Company annual reports Online materials
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers. Priority will be given to students majoring or minoring in MBB

BIOL2414	**Plant Adaptation to Climate Change (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof P Wang, Biological Sciences *(pwang1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Wu,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof P Wang,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course intends to introduce the significance of plants in our daily life, illustrate the impact of climate change on plants and agriculture, provide a systematic understanding of plant function, development, and stress resistance, and discuss the potential strategies for developing climate-resilient horticultural and crop plants.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to climate change and its impact on plants, physiological, biochemical, and developmental aspects of plants, how plants perceive and respond to environmental stress, plant-plant interactions, and bioengineering crop plants		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	Recognize the contribution of plants to our planet and humans
	CLO 2	Understand the crises plants face in the context of climate change
	CLO 3	Comprehend how plant structure supports its function
	CLO 4	Decipher how sessile plants cope with environmental stress
	CLO 5	Realize the urgency of developing sustainable agriculture

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1110 and BIOL2103. Not for students who have passed in BIOL2408 or BIOL3414.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Laboratory			24
	Tutorials			6
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Core textbooks: 1. Aftab, Tariq, and Aryadeep Roychoudhury, eds. Plant Perspectives to Global Climate Changes: Developing Climate-Resilient Plants. Academic Press, 2021. 2. Taiz, Lincoln et al., eds. Plant Physiology and Development. Seventh edition. New York, NY: Sinauer Associates: Oxford University Press, 2023. 3. Heldt, Hans-Walter, and Birgit Piechulla. Plant biochemistry. Academic Press, 2021.			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrolment number and availability of teachers			

BIOL2512	**Applied statistics in food and nutrition (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	105
Course Co-ordinator	Dr I K C Cheng, Biological Sciences *(ibisckc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr I K C Cheng,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims at providing students with key knowledge of biostatistics; equipping students with practical skills in data manipulation and data analysis; allowing students to develop ability to review critically on nutrition research literature.		
Course Contents & Topics	* Introduction to statistics * Describing variation and distribution of data - Type of data - Types of variables - Frequency distributions of continuous variables - Frequency distributions of dichotomous data and proportions - Frequency distributions of other types of data * Hypothesis Testing - Type I error and type II error - Develop null hypothesis and alternative hypothesis - P-value and confidence interval (CI) - T-Tests – Paired t-test; Independent t-test - Non-Parametric Tests – Mann-Whitney U test; Wilcoxon signed-ranks test; Kruskal-Wallis test * Analyzing relationships between two variables (Bivariate analysis) - Pearson correlation coefficient - Spearman rank correlation coefficient - Chi-square test - Fisher exact probability test - Linear regression analysis * Analyzing relationships between multiple variables (Multivariate analysis) - Analysis of variance (ANOVA) – one-way ANOVA; N-way ANOVA - Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) - Multiple linear regression - Multiple logistic regression		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Understand the principles of experimental design in food and nutritional research CLO 2 Manipulate, summarize, describe and present scientific data CLO 3 Formulate scientific hypothesis and conduct quantitative analysis for hypothesis validation CLO 4 Draw correlations between variables CLO 5 Interpret the statistics used in scientific literature		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1201. Not for students who have passed in BIOL2102. Not for year one students.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Perform proficient computational skills and techniques in statistical analysis. Be able to critically use data and statistical results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Capable to perform most of the computational skills and techniques in statistical analysis, but commit some minor computational errors. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Commit a number of minor computational errors. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to		

		perform computational skills and techniques. Commit some substantial computational errors. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Commit serious computational errors. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		24
Group work		10
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test	2 tests (30% each)	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	2 assignments (20% each)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Darren, G. (2012). IBM SPSS statistics 19 step by step: a simple guide and reference. (12th edition). Boston: Pearson. ISBN: 9780205255887 Wilson-Doenges, G. (2022). SPSS for Research Methods: A basic guide. (2nd edition). New York: W.W. Norton & Company. ISBN: 9780393543063 Elmore, J.G., Wild, D.M.G, Nelson, H.D., and Katz, D.L. (2020). Jekel's epidemiology, biostatistics, preventive medicine, and public health. (5th edition). St. Louis, Missouri: Elsevier.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3101	**Animal behaviour (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S W Y Sin, Biological Sciences *(sinyw@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S W Y Sin,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The purpose of this course is to introduce students with the diversity in animal behaviour and the means of understanding animal behaviour. The course will teach students the underlying mechanism and function of behaviour, and how did a particular behaviour develop and evolve.		
Course Contents & Topics	Why do animal behaviours vary among individuals and species? How do environment and ecological interactions influence behaviours? What are the underlying genetic mechanism of a particular behaviour? In this course, students will learn to think within the ecological and evolutionary perspectives on animal behaviour. Topics include behavioral ecology; behavioral genetics; reproductive behaviour; mating system; parental care; communication; foraging; learning; migration and biological rhythms; evolutionary stable strategies; sexual selection; altruism; and sociality in vertebrates and invertebrates. We will discuss several classical studies that form the foundation of this field, as well as more recent research that have led to current understanding of animal behaviour. This course will give students a unique perspective on the natural world and our own species.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	learn and appreciate the mechanism, function, development, and evolution of animal behaviour
CLO 2	understand the complexity of interactions between natural and sexual selection and animal behaviour
CLO 3	appreciate current theories that form basis for modern understanding of animal behaviour
CLO 4	learn the scientific reasoning and methodology in the field of Animal Behaviour
CLO 5	think analytically, based upon ecological and evolutionary principles, to explain the behaviours observed in the natural world and our own specie

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject in a broader comparative perspective as demonstrated by background reading and excellent use of named examples and case studies. Evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show eagerness to learn, great abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level.
B	Evidence of a good grasp of the subject as demonstrated by some background reading and appropriate use of named examples and some case studies. Evidence of good critical thought, although not necessarily original. Good and very good (but not outstanding) abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with good analytical and logical argumentation. Good general command of acquired knowledge to draw meaningful and logical conclusions. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.
C	Demonstrate an adequate, but not coherent and incomplete grasp of the subject, with limited background reading and limited use of named examples and case studies. Some abilities of logical critical thinking, but not insightful and/or independent; only partial abilities to use acquired knowledge and work independently to draw meaningful conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.
D	Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but partial and limited to the most basic concepts, examples, and limited (or none) case studies. Insufficient evidence of background reading, limited abilities of critical independent thinking, and not particularly effective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation and restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level.
Fail	No evidence of basic minimum knowledge and understanding of the subject. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24

	Laboratory	Lab work, field trips, or debates/presentations	24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Assignments		13	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Laboratory reports	lab report 28%, lab attendance and performance 4%	32	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Presentation	Group presentation	15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D. R. Rubenstein & J. Alcock. Animal Behavior: An Evolutionary Approach. Oxford University Press; 11th edition ; 2018. N. B. Davies, J. R. Krebs & S. A. West. An Introduction to Behavioural Ecology. Wiley-Blackwell; 4th edition; 2012.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3105	**Animal physiology and environmental adaptation (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	35
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J D Gaitan-Espitia, Biological Sciences *(jdgaitan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J D Gaitan-Espitia,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The course covers the major aspects of animal physiology for environmental adaptation in terrestrial & aquatic habitats. Stress will be given to the functional interactions between animals and the environment, especially on the mechanisms by which animals obtain resources for survival from the environment, detect environmental changes via sensory structures, and respond to adversities in the environment by altering their body forms & functions.		
Course Contents & Topics	Basic concepts of animal adaptation to environmental changes/extreme environment; Modification of energy metabolism according to oxygen availability; Different models of gaseous exchange for aquatic, inter-tidal, and terrestrial habitats; Cross-adaptation to different environment: air-breathing fish vs diving adaptations in mammals; Visual signals & differential levels of photoreception from protozoa to mammals; Background adaptation: functions & mechanisms for color presentation; Sound wave as environmental signals: functions & mechanisms of detection in aquatic & terrestrial habitats; Echo sounding in bats for navigation without visual signals; Behavioral, morphological & physiological adaptations in hostile environment: extreme hot vs freezing cold; salinity changes in aquatic habitats & water availability in terrestrial habitats on osmoregulation, water balance & nitrogenous metabolism.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 have a broad understanding on functional interactions between animals and their environment CLO 2 appreciate the role of the environment in shaping the evolution of animal structures & functions CLO 3 comprehend a wide range of physiological adaptations (both structurally & functionally) in coping with environmental stress and environmental changes		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or MEDE2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational skills. Writings consistently demonstrate informed, thoughtful intellectual engagement with broad range of relevant concepts.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational skills. Writings mostly demonstrate informed, thoughtful intellectual engagement with broad range of relevant concepts.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational skills. Writings mostly indicate informed, intellectual engagement with concepts or theories but not always with sufficient depth, breadth or understanding.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational skills. Writings indicate some intellectual engagement with concepts or theories but mostly at a superficial level.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Writings reveal an absence of intellectual engagement with concepts or theories. Writings are irrelevant or superficial.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Test	Continual assessment	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project reports	Final project	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Christopher D. Moyes & Patricia M. Schulte (2015), Principles of Animal Physiology, Pearson. Richard W. Hill, Gordon A. Wyse & Margaret Anderson (2012), Animal Physiology, Sinauer Associate. E. N. Marieb (2012), Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology. Benjamin Cummings.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

Additional Course Information	Refer to the Website of School of Biological Sciences. This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3107	**Plant physiology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To give an understanding of plant processes such as plant growth and development and their regulatory mechanisms.		
Course Contents & Topics	Discovery, assay, chemical nature, mechanism, structure-activity relationships, physiological effects, and signal transduction of plant hormones. Hormonal transport. Selected topics on plant growth and development including photo-morphogenesis, seed germination, dormancy, apical dominance, fruit ripening, leaf abscission, and plant defense.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the study of plant biology using mutants in model plant Arabidopsis CLO 2 understand biotechnological opportunities by manipulating plant gene expression CLO 3 understand the regulation of plant growth and development by various plant hormones		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103 NOT for students who have passed in ENVS3202		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	In written examination: Exceptionally good organization and presentation, the discussion would be very clearly written and show evidence of originality. In practical sessions: excellent insight in to the practical aims; submit good reports.
B	In written examination: coherent organization and clear presentation, the discussion would be a complete and critical response to questions. In practical sessions: full understanding of the practical aims; submit accurate reports.
C	In written examination and practical sessions: Good in parts, but important points omitted. Might also have defects in presentation or be not very well written. Reasonably competent, but might show misunderstanding of the material: significant inaccuracies or errors.
D	In written examination and practical sessions: Some knowledge of the material is evident, but there are serious deficiencies in understanding, organization, clarity or accuracy. Write-ups that are unduly brief would fall into this category.
Fail	In written examination and practical sessions: Poor knowledge and understanding of the subject, a lack of coherent and organization, and answers are largely irrelevant.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		75	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		25	CLO 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. J. Davis: Plant Hormones: Physiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1995, 2nd ed.) P.J. Davis: Plant Hormones: Biosynthesis, Signal Transduction, Action! (Springer Netherlands, 2010) Lecturing materials and journal articles will be posted on HKU Moodle.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3108	**Microbial physiology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	Microbes are amazing and important entities on earth. Knowledge of microbes is widely applied in food, pharmaceutics, biotechnologies, diseases control, and biogeochemical processes. Microbial Physiology provides molecular basis for understanding of these important processes and applications, and to serve as essential foundations for sub-disciplines of Microbiology, such as environmental, industrial, and medicinal Microbiology. Upon completion, students will acquire fundamental knowledge and methodologies for microbial studies and be able to relate knowledge to various microbial applications.		
Course Contents & Topics	Serving as a fundamental course for the understanding of the world of microorganisms, Microbial Physiology is organized and presented in three themes: 'Microbial Rules', 'Microbial Breath', and 'Microbial Adaption'. Under these three themes, a broad range of highly educational and interesting topics are presented including: 'Microorganisms and their position in the living world', 'Fundamental methodologies for the study of microbes', 'Microbial structures and functions', 'Microbial growth and control', 'Energy Generation', 'Central metabolism', and 'Regulation and control of metabolic Activities'. Topics are taught in a coherent manner with a highly interactive tutorial session following each of the topics such that students will achieve a high quality, stimulating, and problem-based learning experiences.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 appreciate the diversity of microbial metabolisms and the strategies for their adaptive responses CLO 2 comprehend the principles underlying the dynamic nature of microbial physiology CLO 3 relate knowledge to practical application of microbes in industry and medicine CLO 4 develop abilities to read and assess scientific literature in microbiology area		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOC3604		

and Impermissible combinations)	
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Project work		2
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test	mid-term	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Primary Text Book: Prescott, Harley, and Klein's Microbiology, by Joanne M. Willey, Linda M. Sherwood, and Christopher J. Woolverton, published by McGraw-Hill Supplementary Reading: On-line textbook of Bacteriology: Kenneth Tobar, U. of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Bacteriology. URL (http://www.textbookofbacteriology.net/)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3109	**Environmental and molecular ecology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	45
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Mathew Seymour, Biological Sciences *(matsey@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Mathew Seymour,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	First 1/3 of the course will provide an overview of impacts of biological community processes on our environments and ecosystems, including biogeochemical cycles, trophic interactions and spatio-temporal dynamics. The second 1/3 of the course will provide a background and overview of molecular methods used to assess biological communities and relevant approaches to study design and applications, including 3rd generation sequencing methods and applications. Lastly the final 1/3 will cover the field and applications of environmental DNA (eDNA).		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Environmental biology overview – key aspects of biodiversity and their interactions with the environment. 2. Microbial environmental biology – history, present day applications and the contribution of microbial processes (e.g., metabolism and biogeochemical processes) to environments and their function. 3. Understanding the background, research and application of species and communities and environment processes, linking to the importance for ecosystem services management and human health. 4. Molecular ecology – modern molecular approaches used in assessing biological communities and species, including environmental DNA (eDNA).		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the environmental process that influence the abundances and distributions of organisms
CLO 2	connect aspects of microbial abundance, diversity, and metabolic potential to processes in natural and modified ecosystems
CLO 3	demonstrate a basic understanding of the diversity and application of modern molecular methods for ecological and environmental studies

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103 OR BIOL2220 OR BIOL2306 OR BIOL2409 OR ENVS2001 OR ENVS2002
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Thorough grasp of the subject matter. Show very strong analytical and critical abilities and high logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	General but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. General but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.

	Fail	Little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		16
	Group work		20
	Project work		24
	Reading / Self study		24

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Three in class quizzes	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	In class participation & in class assignments (50 %)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation	Group video presentation assignment	30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	• Fisher, Matthew R. Environmental Biology. Open Oregon Educational Resources, 2017. • Brock, Thomas Dale, Michael T. Madigan, John M. Martinko, and Jack Parker. Brock biology of microorganisms. Upper Saddle River (NJ): Prentice-Hall, 2003., 2003. • Freeland, Joanna R. Molecular ecology. John Wiley & Sons, 2020 • Taberlet, Pierre, et al. Environmental DNA: For biodiversity research and monitoring. Oxford University Press, 2018
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers. All course exams, including the final, will be open book. Assignments due dates will be flexible with late submissions permissible for full credit.

BIOL3110	**Environmental toxicology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To introduce students to the basic principles of environmental and ecological toxicology by analysis of the fate of pollutants in lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere. Mechanisms of toxicity as dose-response will be analyzed through adsorption, metabolism, toxicity and elimination. Major metabolic processes and enzymes involved will be highlighted. Specific cases of toxicity will be presented and discussed.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Environmental chemistry of pollutants and their toxicity and factors governing toxic effects, bioaccumulation and biomagnification 2. Partitioning and transformation of environmental pollutants 3. Quantitative toxicology using dose-response approaches 4. Emerging endocrine-disrupting chemicals and carcinogens at molecular levels 5. Elimination of pollutants from the environments 6. Laboratory testing of toxicity and review various adsorption isotherm models		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 understand fate and distribution of chemicals in various compartments of the ecosystem
	CLO 2 understand toxicity through adsorption, metabolism, elimination and target site and quantitative analysis
	CLO 3 understand mechanism of toxicity from specific pollutants of choice
	CLO 4 understand specific biochemical processes and enzymes involved in pollutants transformation and mineralization
	CLO 5 understand appropriate techniques in environmental cleaning up

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103 or CHEM3141 or ENVS3042		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Thorough grasp of the subject matter. Show very strong analytical and critical abilities and high logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	General but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. General but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**

	Lectures		24
	Laboratory	laboratory, assignment; and seminar	36
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Laboratory reports	student-based assessment includes laboratory report, assignment, presentations or other forms	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D.G. Crosby: Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (Oxford, 1998) W. Stumm, J.J. Morgan: Aquatic Chemistry: Chemical Equlibria and Rates in Natural Waters (Wiley, 1995, 3rd ed.) R. Mitchell and J.-D. Gu: Environmental Microbiology (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009, 2nd ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3201	**Food chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide a basic understanding of chemistry in food systems, and to provide practical training in chemistry related to food science and nutrition.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover the components of food, including water, proteins, carbohydrates and lipids, and minor components such as enzymes, vitamins, minerals, colorants, flavorants and additives. The physical and chemical properties of these important constituents of foods are covered in detail, and form the basis for understanding the reactions which occur during the production, processing, storage and handling of foods, and in understanding the methods used in analyzing foods. A series of laboratory sessions will cover analysis of food components, protein chemistry, lipid oxidation, properties of sugars and starches, enzymatic and non-enzymatic browning reactions, and sensory analysis of foods.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand the functions and properties of major and minor food components
	CLO 2	understand the basic chemistry behind food processing
	CLO 3	have integrated their knowledge of biological and chemical principles into a food science and nutrition context

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301; and NOT for students who have passed in BIOL2101. This course is only for students admitted in 2016-2017 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show extensive knowledge and understanding of the topics covered and can readily apply this knowledge. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the topics covered and able to apply this knowledge and skills to most situations. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the topics covered. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information of the subject matter covered. Show a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the topics covered. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions occasionally.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the topics covered. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Laboratory	30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Fennema OR, Food Chemistry (Marcel Dekker 4th Ed, 2008) Belitz HD, Grosch W, Schieberle, P, Food Chemistry (Springer 4th Ed, 2009)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers Lab. A (Quota: 30): 14:30 pm - 18:50 pm (Monday) Lab. B (Quota 30) : 13:30 pm - 17:50 pm (Wednesday)

BIOL3202	Nutritional biochemistry (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	Quota	150
Course Co-ordinator	Dr I K C Cheng, Biological Sciences *(ibiscks@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr I K C Cheng,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof B C B Chan,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce the fundamental concepts of nutrition through an integrated approach in discussing the interactions between diet and intermediary metabolism.		
Course Contents & Topics	Essential nutrients and their requirement; Metabolic control of macronutrient utilization; Metabolism of micronutrients Nutritional impacts of hexoses, long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid, cholesterol, amino acids, vitamins and minerals		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain how different organs coordinate to achieve metabolic control of glucose CLO 2 understand the metabolic pathways of cholesterol and polyunsaturated fatty acids CLO 3 understand the theoretical constructs of nitrogen requirement and the importance of the urea cycle CLO 4 understand the biochemical roles of micronutrient in human health CLO 5 explain the biochemical outcomes of nutrient deficiency/excess		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show exceptional ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show outstanding ability to critically analyze and interpret scientific data and draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate highly effective organization / writing skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show full ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show reasonable ability to critically analyze and interpret scientific data and draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate effective organization / writing skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Might show misunderstanding of the materials. Show some ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show some ability to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw proper conclusions. Demonstrate adequate organization / writing skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Misunderstanding of the materials is not uncommon. Show limited ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Use elementary approaches to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw sometimes erroneous conclusions. Demonstrate basic organization / writing skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in problem solving. Fail to integrate information and identify problems. Seriously deficient in ability to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw conclusions. Demonstrate poor organization / writing skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		34
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S.S. Gropper & J. L. Smith 'Advanced Nutrition and Human Metabolism' (6th edition) Elsevier M.H. Stipanuk & M.A. Caudill 'Biochemical, physiological, and molecular aspects of human nutrition' (3rd edition) Elsevier K. N. Frayn 'Metabolic Regulation - a human perspective' Wiley-Blackwell G.F. Combs & J. P. McClung 'The Vitamins - Fundamental aspects in nutrition and health' (5th edition) Elsevier
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers

BIOL3203	Food microbiology (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	Quota	120
Course Co-ordinator	Dr I K C Cheng, Biological Sciences *(ibisckc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr I K C Cheng,School of Biological Sceinces) (Dr Zhang Lu,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course provides the key concepts and principles of food microbiology with special emphasis on the interaction between microorganisms and food., microbial food spoilage and foodborne diseases will be discussed in detail.		
Course Contents & Topics	Detection and enumeration of microbes in foods, Factors that influence microbes in foods, Spores and their significance, Physical methods of food preservation, Chemical preservation and natural antimicrobials, Foodborne pathogens.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe methods for evaluating microorganisms and their products in foods CLO 2 demonstrate an understanding of the causes of food spoilage, and predict response of a microorganism that can spoil a given food CLO 3 develop and implement appropriate measures to control the spoilage and pathogenic microorganisms in a food CLO 4 demonstrate the ability to work in a team to investigate and solve problems in food microbiology		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301		

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Test		50	CLO 2, 4
Assignments	Seminars	30	CLO 2, 4
Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Food Microbiology: An Introduction, 2005, Thomas J. Montville and Karl Matthews, American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Press, Washington, DC Food Microbiology: Fundamentals and Frontiers, 2007, Edited by Michael P. Doyle, Larry R. Beuchat, and Thomas J. Montville, 3rd edition, American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Press, Washington, DC
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Quota in sub class A: 60; Quota in sub class B: 60. This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers

BIOL3204	**Nutrition and the life cycle (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences *(jettylee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr H H T Cheung,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof J C Y Lee,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	Nutritional needs vary throughout different stages of the life cycle. This course aims to cover the functional roles of essential macro- and micro-nutrients and highlight the nutritional concerns during specific times of growth, development, and aging.		
Course Contents & Topics	Teaching and learning will take place through an evidence-based approach and will be organized around key issues: needs of macro- and micronutrients, as well as the physiological and psychological determinants that influence nutrient requirements at different stages of the human life cycle. Socio-economic factors that influence dietary habit and nutritional status will also be covered.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	be able to discuss, critically assess and identify the specific needs at different stages of the life cycle through different modes of oral communication
CLO 2	relate the concept of requirement to physiological needs
CLO 3	understand and communicate the impact of socio-cultural factors on nutritional status

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or BIOL3202		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show exceptional ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show outstanding ability to critically analyze and interpret scientific data and draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organization and presentation skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show full ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show reasonable ability to critically analyze and interpret scientific data and draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate effective team-based organization and presentation skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Might show misunderstanding of the materials. Show some ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show some ability to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw proper conclusions. Demonstrate adequately effective team-based organization and presentation skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Misunderstanding of the materials is not uncommon. Show limited ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Use elementary approaches to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw sometimes erroneous conclusions. Demonstrate team-based organization and presentation skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in problem solving. Fail to integrate information and identify problems. Seriously deficient in ability to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw conclusions. Demonstrate poor organization and presentation skills.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials	student-centered learning		12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	1.Research-Based Assignment (20%); 2.Oral examination (25%).	45	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation	Group	25	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Brown J.E. Nutrition Through the Life Cycle. Thomson, 2011 Gropper S.S., Smith J.L.. & Groff J.L. Advanced Nutrition and Human Metabolism (Wadsworth, 2009) Croxford, Itsiopoulous, Forsyth, Belski, Thodis, Shepherd and Tierney. Food & Nutrition Throughout Life (2015)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL3205	**Human physiology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	135
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B C B Chan, Biological Sciences *(chancb@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr H H T Cheung,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof B C B Chan,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The course covers major aspects of the physiology of the human body using an integrated approach. After completing this course, students will have acquired fundamental principles of how the body works. Students interested in nutrition and human biology will find this course most useful.		
Course Contents & Topics	Overview of the physiological systems and homeostasis; Neural and hormonal communication; Nervous system physiology; The digestive system; Cardiac physiology, the blood vessels and blood pressure; The respiratory system; The urinary system; The skeletal & muscular system; Sensory mechanisms; Biological rhythms; Central-peripheral communication in energy homeostasis.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	comprehend the essence of how the body meets changing conditions while maintaining a relatively constant internal environment	
	CLO 2	understand the functions of various body systems	
	CLO 3	explain normal body functions through integration of basic physiologic concepts	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Silverthorn D. U.: Human Physiology: An integrated Approach (Pearson, 2008) Sherwood L.: Human Physiology: From Cells to Systems (Thomson, 2007) Johnson M. D.: Human Biology (Pearson, 2006) Siegel G. J. et al.: Basic Neurochemistry (Academic Press, 2006) Mulroney S.E. & Myers A.K. Netter's Essential Physiology (Saunders, 2009)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL3206	**Clinical nutrition (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	70
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives	This course aims to provide understanding and insight into diseases associated with diet and basic dietetics, specifically to: 1. Explain the relationships between diet and disease. 2. Describe the role of diet in the development and prevention of common chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity and anorexia, cardiovascular disease, cancer, immune deficiency and renal failure. 3. Differentiate risk factors that influence dietary choice. 4. Describe the rationales for postoperative nutritional support for hospitalized patients.
Course Contents & Topics	The basics of nutrition for health and fitness and medical nutrition therapy. The role of diet in the development and prevention of chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, obesity and anorexia as well as bulimia nervosa, cardiovascular diseases, renal failure, etc. Malnutrition. Nutrition and immune function. Medical nutrition therapy for food allergy and food intolerance. Nutrition in pregnancy and lactation.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 discuss the different relationships between diet and disease CLO 2 describe the role of diet in the development and prevention of diabetes, obesity and anorexia, cardiovascular disease, cancer, immune deficiency, and renal failure CLO 3 clearly differentiate and interpret risk factors that influence dietary choice CLO 4 describe the rationales for postoperative nutritional support for hospitalized patients
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3202 or BIOL3203 or BIOL3204 or BIOL3205
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective laboratory/fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective laboratory /fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. General but incomplete grasp of the subject. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective laboratory / fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Partial but limited grasp of the subject, retention of some relevant information of the subject. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective laboratory / fieldwork skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2
Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Selected readings will also be available on the class website. S. Rodwell Williams: Nutrition and Diet Therapy (7th ed.) Suitor & Hunter: Nutrition: Principles and Application in Health Promotion Wardlaw Gordon: Perspectives in Nutrition (2nd ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3207	**Principles of toxicology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	80
Course Co-ordinator	Prof H S El-Nezami, Biological Sciences *(elnezami@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr I K C Cheng,School of Biological Sciences) (Guest Lecturers,School of Biological Sceinces) (Prof H S El-Nezami,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce students to methods used in assessing the toxicity of food contaminants, and to develop their confidence in the handling and interpretation of toxicological data. Students will also be introduced to the basic concepts behind toxicological evaluation, and the criteria for setting guidance values for dietary and nondietary exposure to chemicals. Students will understand the role of biochemical, metabolic and toxicokinetic studies in toxicological evaluation. This course aims to equip students with basic skills in conducting food toxicological studies.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include a discussion on exposure and entry routes, fates of toxic substances in the body (toxicokinetics), concepts in experimental toxicology, the dose response relationship, actions of toxic substances, target organ		

	effects, the actions and types of carcinogens. A survey of the health effects of common classes of toxic substances is also presented.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate an understanding of the processes involved in absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion of toxicants, including an understanding of the toxicokinetic behavior of toxicants in mammals CLO 2 demonstrate an understanding of the various effects induced after exposure to toxicants CLO 3 demonstrate an understanding of the factors which underlie species differences in response to potential toxicants CLO 4 demonstrate the ability to work in a team to investigate and solve toxicological problems of importance in human health
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or BIOL3205 or MEDE2301
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test	Mid-term	50	CLO 2, 4
Assignments	seminars	25	CLO 2, 4
Laboratory reports		25	CLO 2

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S. S. Deshpande: Handbook of Food Toxicology (Marcel Dekker Inc., NY, 2002)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3208	**Food safety and quality management (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	45
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide exposure to some key management concepts used to produce safe high-quality food products that will succeed in the marketplace. To introduce students to analysis and problem-solving of realistic business situations in food safety management.		
Course Contents & Topics	- The regulatory, social and business imperative for food safety. - Basic concepts in TQM - Statistical Process Control - Quality Function Deployment - Quality management standards (ISO 9000) - Development and implementation of a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan (within an ISO 22000 food safety management system/ supply chain approach) - Role of environmental management systems (ISO 14000) in the food industry - Intellectual Property issues in the food industry - Religious, ethical, and cultural food choices - Illustrative business case studies on food safety management will be discussed		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the historical development of government regulation of food safety CLO 2 be familiar with a set of management techniques applicable in the food industry CLO 3 be able to analyze food production problems and make recommendations for action to improve quality and safety		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3201 or BIOL3203		

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials	including presentation	12
Group work		30
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		10	CLO 2
Project reports	including presentation	30	CLO 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Jones, J. M.: Food Safety (Eagan Press, 1992) Mortimore, S. and Wallace, C.: HACCP: A Practical Approach (Chapman and Hall, 1994) Forsythe, S. J.: The Microbiology of Safe Food (2nd Ed., Wiley-Blackwell, 2010)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3209	**Food and nutrient analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Dr S K S Leung, Biological Sciences *(lks612@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr S K S Leung,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce basic principles and provide practical training in food and nutrient analysis. To help students to understand the principles behind basic and analytical instruments used in food analysis. To train students to analyze major and minor food components as well as some toxic compounds developed during processing.		
Course Contents & Topics	The key concepts in professional food analysis in an industry context will be introduced. Basic and advanced analytical techniques for macronutrients (e.g. protein, carbohydrate and fats), micronutrients (vitamins and minerals) and toxic compounds. A variety of classical and instrumental techniques used in food analysis will be discussed: rheology and texture measurement, color, mass spectrometry and chromatography, and sensory properties.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the basic principles of food and nutrient analysis
CLO 2	be familiar with a variety of classical and instrumental analytical techniques
CLO 3	understand the principles behind analytical instruments associated with food
CLO 4	apply their knowledge and laboratory skills in novel situations to measure and analyze the macronutrient and micronutrient of food products
CLO 5	select and justify an appropriate analytical technique to solve practical food analysis problems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2101 Not for students who have passed in CHEM3242

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5
Assignments	Laboratory	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Project report		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Food analysis [electronic resource] / edited by S. Suzanne Nielsen. New York, N.Y. ; Dordrecht : Springer, c2010. 4th ed. Advanced gas chromatography in food analysis [electronic resource] / edited by Peter Q. Tranchida London : Royal Society of Chemistry 2020
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3210	**Grain production and utilization (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide a broad understanding of the utilization and significance of the major grains in the food industry and in human health and nutrition.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Global grain production and consumption - The Green Revolution and its aftermath - International grain trade - Wheat: flour milling, dough rheology, the baking process, baking quality - Wheat: quality of Asian products including steamed bread and noodles - Wheat: small-scale tests for quality - Rice: nutritional quality, consumer preferences, milling, quality, quality testing, products - Maize: products of wet milling, animal feed development - Biofuels focusing on bioethanol - Illustrative business case studies on the grain processing industry will be discussed		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the major production, import, and export patterns that support the global utilization of grain
CLO 2	understand the technology behind the production of grain-based foods
CLO 3	understand the scope and nature of professional level quality testing for grain products
CLO 4	appreciate the constraints to global food sufficiency
CLO 5	appreciate the ethical issues behind the diversion of grain into meat and biofuel production

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in any level 2 BIOL course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Project reports	including presentation	30	CLO 2, 3

	Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Encyclopedia of Grain Science, edited by Wrigley CW, Corke H, and Walker CE (2004) 3 Volumes, 1,700 pages. Elsevier, Oxford. (selected chapters only) Other readings to be provided			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL3211	**Nutrigenomics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Dr I K C Cheng, Biological Sciences *(ibisckc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr I K C Cheng,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	Recent advances in the understanding of the human genome have resulted in the emergence of a new science called Nutrigenomics. This course aims to provide students with an understanding of the biochemical mechanisms underpinning the science of nutrition and the relation between genes and diet-related diseases. It explains the role of nutrition at the molecular level and the concepts of nutrigenomics and nutrigenetics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Concepts of nutrigenomics, nutrigenetics, metabolomics and nutritional biochemistry. Regulation of gene expression; Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms and relation to diseases. Overview of lipid metabolism; cholesterol metabolic pathway; hyperlipidaemia, LDL receptor mutations. Relevance of folate, vitamin B12; hyperhomocysteinemia and gene polymorphisms in diseases. Epigenetics, Barker s hypothesis, influence of maternal nutrition in fetal gene expression. Obesity, genetic predisposition, candidate genes like leptin, FTO and other hormones involved in the control of appetite Polyunsaturated fatty acid and their roles in the control of gene expression example lipogenesis and lipid oxidation pathways; Inborn errors of metabolism in the context of genetic mutations and personalized diet therapy		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	explain the principles of the control of gene expression	
	CLO 2	demonstrate understanding of the role of metabolic pathways in relationship to diet, gene expression and disease	
	CLO 3	discuss how genetic variations are used to study the role of genes in nutrient-related cellular processes	
	CLO 4	explain the relationship between genotype, epigenetics and diet-related diseases	
	CLO 5	critically evaluate current theories of personalized nutrition based on individual genetic variation	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show extensive ability of knowledge integration and problem solving skills. Show excellent ability to critically analyze and interpret complex scientific data and draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate highly effective organization and writing skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show substantial ability of knowledge integration and problem solving skills. Show substantial ability to critically analyze and interpret scientific data and draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate effective organization and writing skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general and acceptable grasp of the subject matter covered. Show acceptable ability of knowledge integration and problem solving skills. Show moderate ability to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw proper conclusions. Demonstrate moderate organization and writing skills.	
	D	Demonstrate marginal grasp of the subject matter covered. Show limited ability on knowledge integration and problem solving skills. Show limited ability to analyse and interpret scientific data. Demonstrate basic organization and writing skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with little retention of information of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal evidence in problem solving. Fail to integrate information and identify problems. Show little or minimal ability to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw conclusions. Demonstrate poor organization and writing skills.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials	student-centered learning	12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		30	CLO 1
	Assignments	presentation	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry Ordovas: Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics. Wiley. 2004 Brigelius-Flohe, Joost: Nutritional Genomics. Wiley. 2006. Rimbach, Fuchs, Packer: Nutrigenomics, CRC Press. 2005 Journals in Nutrition, Molecular Biology and Genetics
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3215	**Principles of dietary assessment (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course examines the various methods used to measure dietary intake in populations and healthy individuals, how to assess these measurements against international standards, and how to make recommendations for improvement.		

Course Contents & Topics	Topics covered will include the validity and reliability of different methods, estimations of energy requirements, the use of food composition databases, nutrition screening tools and the planning and use of national surveys for monitoring and evaluation. Students will conduct project work and produce and present professional-level reports using dietary assessment tools.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the principles of dietary assessment methods, and the strengths of limitations of these methods CLO 2 evaluate the validity and reliability of dietary assessment tools CLO 3 choose the most appropriate nutrition assessment methods for different purposes CLO 4 explain the meaning and uses of Dietary Reference Intakes CLO 5 competently use dietary assessment software with local and international nutrient databases to assess individual dietary intake CLO 6 interpret foods and diets in terms of nutritional quality and nutrient adequacy, and make appropriate recommendation(s) for improvement, in both product development and dietary review contexts
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2102
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use practical skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use practical skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use practical skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use practical skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use practical skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Laboratory and workshop course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Workshops		48
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		90

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Laboratory reports		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Project reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation	Group presentation	10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Required: Lee RD and Nieman DC, Nutritional Assessment 6th Ed. McGraw Hill Gibson RS, Principles of Nutritional Assessment 2nd Ed. Oxford University Press Online materials: Institute of Medicine (US) Food and Nutrition Board. Dietary Reference Intakes: A Risk Assessment Model for Establishing Upper Intake Levels for Nutrients. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK45182/
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers

BIOL3216	**Food waste management (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To allow students to develop an understanding of the propagation, treatment and disposal of food waste relevant within the farm to table chain. To allow students to critically evaluate food waste management and resource recovery potential in Hong Kong in comparison to other countries in Asia/Worldwide.		
Course Contents & Topics	With our current global population estimated to reach 9.1 billion in 2050, food production will be expected to increase by 70% to meet food demand. However, our current world food supply is instead declining, with 1/4 to 1/3 of all food produced for human consumption lost or wasted. This amounts to a staggering 1 to 2 billion metric tons per year! Clearly we should be worried about food wastage. In this course, the social, economic, and environmental implications associated with food waste will be identified, by presenting relevant facts and figures and case studies embodying agricultural, industrial and consumer waste-types. Basic waste management concepts will also be covered, examining current waste management in Hong Kong compared to other countries in Asia, while providing the basis for examining our own personal waste footprint. This course will address current applications and limitations of food waste treatment technologies. Course outline: -Background, Definitions, Social & Environmental implications of food waste -Facts and figures related to food Waste -Basic Waste Management concepts (3 R's)		

	-Case studies: Agricultural waste -Case studies: Food Industrial waste -Case studies: Food consumer waste -Waste Management in Hong Kong vs other countries in Asia -Individual waste footprint: from awareness to legislation in Hong Kong -Current Technological applications & limitations in food waste treatment

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand and define the various types of waste as well as create an awareness of individual waste footprint.
CLO 2	be able to define the 3 R's in waste management (reduce, reuse, recycle), and be familiarized with waste polices in Hong Kong compared to other countries in Asia /Worldwide.
CLO 3	be able to describe current and novel technologies for treating waste, as well as transforming waste into value added resources.
CLO 4	to develop written and oral presentation skills necessary to effectively convey technical, economic, and social information related to waste management.

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations): Pass in BIOL2101

Offer in 2025 - 2026: N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination**: ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course: N

Course Type: Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials	including presentation	12
Group work		30
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project reports	including presentation	30	CLO 2, 3, 4

Course Website: http://moodle.hku.hk

Additional Course Information: This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrolment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3217 Food, environment and health (6 credits)

Academic Year: 2025

Offering Department: Biological Sciences **Quota**: 45

Course Co-ordinator: Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences *(jettylee@hku.hk)*

Teachers Involved: (Dr S K S Leung,School of Biological Sciences)
(Prof J C Y Lee,School of Biological Sciences)

Course Objectives: A cross-disciplinary exploration of the environmental, socio-economic, public health and personal nutrition contexts of food systems. To focus on how our food choices influence the environment and how the environment impacts our diet. To examine the interactions among environment (e.g. pollution, soil and water quality, climate change), food resources (growth, production, consumption, processing, distribution and disposal) and health.

Course Contents & Topics: The environment, human well-being and the functioning of society are highly influenced by food production and consumption. The food-environment-health nexus (FEHN) interrelates the agri-food system (AFS) and community health. Students will learn the agri-food system which is categorized into crops, livestock, forestry, fisheries, and aquaculture that focus on resource shortage and degradation, climate change, disease, exacerbating resource pressures and human suffering. The impact of current agricultural technology on plant health and animal feeds, sustainable and alternative food production, environment on food systems will also be explored. Notwithstanding xenobiotic effect on animal and human health, environmental influence on sensory decision, the aftermath of climate change and nutritional security of a community will be discussed. Evidence-based case examples through the navigation of alternative solutions to sustain the healthy development and Problem Based Learning (PBL) approach will be used with emphasis on 'real-life' cases connecting human nutrition, well-being and environmental health.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand multifactorial and interdisciplinary relations in sustainable environment and nutrition
CLO 2	understand different agri-food systems in Asia and worldwide
CLO 3	address today's national and global challenges in the environmental and food sectors
CLO 4	critically analyze global food-system issues

	CLO 5	construct a personal philosophy and framework for alternative solutions to maintain food-environmenthealth nexus

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2101 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills		
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.		
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Project work		20
	Reading / Self study		50

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	case studies	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Poster	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Project reports	Group work	30	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	There is no course textbook. Most of the reading material will be provided on Moodle or distributed during lectures.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3218	**Global food safety (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences *(lzhang17@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr L Zhang,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide students with a global perspective on food safety challenges and management practices. It focuses on developing analytical skills for identifying, assessing, and mitigating food safety hazards, while also introducing ethical considerations in food product development and manufacturing. The course also equips students with knowledge of international food safety regulations, preparing them to understand and manage food safety issues effectively in a global context.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics will include: Chemical contaminants, Physical contaminants, Food borne pathogens, Food fraud, Food additives, Regulatory aspects of food safety, Good manufacturing practice, ISO22000 and HACCP, Ethics in food industry		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand identification, characterization and exposure assessments of various food safety hazards	
	CLO 2	apply food safety management practices to control risks associated with food safety hazards	
	CLO 3	gain global perspective on the management of food safety hazard	
	CLO 4	understand ethical perspectives and practices linked to food product development and manufacturing across different countries	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2101 or BIOL3203 Not for students who have passed in BIOL3208		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management	

		skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	24 hours lecture & 12 hours tutorial for project		36
	Group work			12
	Project work			30
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project reports		30	CLO 2, 3
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	The course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL3301	**Marine biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C Schunter, Biological Sciences *(schunter@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B Russell,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof C Schunter,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To develop a basic understanding and appreciation of the field of marine biology, including the fascinating diversity of marine life, their function, ecology and inter-relationships. Contemporary issues including the benefits we derive from marine biological resources and threats to their long-term sustainability will also be discussed with case studies highlighting key issues.		
Course Contents & Topics	The topics cover: 1. The physical and chemical environments (e.g., light, current, atmospheric -ocean interactions, salinity, temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, nutrients) and how these may affect the marine biota 2. Important groups of marine organisms (e.g., phytoplankton, zooplankton, benthos, nekton, marine mammals) and marine food web 3. Major marine habitats and ecosystems (e.g., intertidal, benthic, pelagic, deep sea, coral reefs, mangroves) 4. Exploitation of marine biological resources (e.g., fisheries and bioactive compounds) 5. Contemporary issues (e.g. climate change, marine pollution, sustainable use of marine living resources, invasive species)		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	demonstrate a basic understanding of the diversity and function of marine biota	
	CLO 2	recognize the interactions of marine biota and their environments	
	CLO 3	appreciate the importance of marine ecosystems and the threats of human activities on their long-term sustainability as well as possible solutions	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 or ENVS2002		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Field work	field trip, laboratory practical & tutorials		30
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	Mid-term	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project report	Group project	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and	Levinton, J. S. 2001. Marine Biology; function, biodiversity, ecology 2nd edition. 515 pp. Oxford University Press Nybakken, J.W. and Bertness, M.D., 2004. Marine Biology: An Ecological Approach, 6th Edition, Benjamin			

online materials	Cummings. H. V. Thurman and E. A. Burton: Introductory Oceanography (Prentice Hall, 2001, 9th ed.) J. W. Nybakken: Marine Biology: An Ecological View (Benjamin Cummings, 2000) TBC
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

BIOL3302	**Systematics and phylogenetics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof. J K K Merila, Biological Sciences *(merila@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J K K Merila,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To give students an understanding of the principles of systematics and phylogenetics and an appreciation of current trends and controversies. Systematics forms an invaluable grounding for many fields of biology (including anatomy, ecology, population biology and evolutionary biology), and enables the integration of a wide range of techniques (including anatomy, biochemistry, chemistry, molecular biology, cytology, palaeontology and ethology).		
Course Contents & Topics	Current classification theories: phenetic systematics (classifications based on overall resemblances) and cladistics (evolutionary reconstruction). The species concept. Sources of taxonomic data: morphology & anatomy, biochemistry, chemistry, molecular biology, biogeography and ethology. Causes of taxonomic complexity: environmental factors; hybridization; breeding systems. Principles of nomenclature. Practical sessions will be aimed at illustrating taxonomic procedures and problems; students will not be expected to memorize large numbers of scientific names.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 explain taxon concepts (with particular reference to species) and the basic principles of nomenclature and show how multivariate statistical methods can be applied below the species level		
	CLO 2 describe the principles behind maximum parsimony methods of phylogenetic reconstruction (including sister-group relationships, out-group comparison, homoplasy and the assessment of clade stability)		
	CLO 3 evaluate the diversity of sources of taxonomic data, and explain the importance of specific data sources		
	CLO 4 recognise the main causes of taxonomic complexity, and identify appropriate solutions		
	CLO 5 understand the processes and patterns in species biogeography, and important biogeographic factors to consider when understanding species current ranges		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1309; and Any level 2 BIOL course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining most or all of the course learning outcomes, with evidence of extensive background reading and use of named examples. Show evidence of significant critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply highly effective presentation skills. Demonstrate effective use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Show evidence of integration of a wide range of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes, with evidence of some background reading and use of named examples. Show evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective presentation skills. Demonstrate use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Show evidence of general integration of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes, with evidence of limited background reading and use of named examples. Show evidence of some critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective presentation skills. Demonstrate mostly correct use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Show evidence of partial integration of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes, with insufficient evidence of background reading and use of named examples. Show evidence of limited critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply limited presentation skills. Demonstrate limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Show evidence of limited integration of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes, with no evidence of background reading or use of named examples. Show little or no evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking. Presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Misuse of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Little or no evidence of integration of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Group work	Group work & Project work	24
Reading / Self study		48

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Laboratory reports	4 lab session x 12.5%	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials

Species concepts, speciation and the naming of species
De Queiroz 2007. https://doi.org/10.1080/10635150701701083
Coates et al 2018. https://doi.org/10.3389/fevo.2018.00165
Marques et al 2019. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2019.02.008

Phylogenetic methods
Yang & Rannala 2012. https://doi.org/10.1038/nrg3186
Degnan & Rosenberg. 2009. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2009.01.009
Fujita et al. 2012. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2012.04.012

Phylogenetic case studies
Burridge et al 2008. https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msm271
Tobias et al 2020. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-ecolsys-110218-025023

Taxonomic complexity and current issues in phylogenetics

	Conover & Schultz 1995 https://doi.org/10.1016/S0169-5347(00)89081-3 Vinarski 2022. https://doi.org/10.1134/S2079086422060093 Bickford et al 2007 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2006.11.004
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

BIOL3303	**Conservation biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	100
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T C Bonebrake, Biological Sciences *(tbone@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof L A Ashton,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof T C Bonebrake,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce students to the theory and practice of conservation and to provide students with a thorough understanding of practical, economic and management skills required for proficiency in conservation biology. Our ultimate aim is to promote an understanding of the natural biodiversity, the threats to it, and the best ways to manage them. We hope these will be your aims too, and that you will be able to use the skills and knowledge you learn from the course to reduce the local, regional and global loss of biodiversity.		
Course Contents & Topics	Among the many environmental issues, the most serious is the increasingly rapid loss of biodiversity. This loss is irreversible on a human timescale and will reduce the options available to all future human generations. Conservation Biology/Ecology is the science of preserving biological diversity. This course also provides insights to the many benefits and services that nature offers and explores strategies for management options to sustain ecological integrity and production. It is an inexact, applied, mission-orientated, multidisciplinary science which, like medicine, has built-in values: to a conservation biologist, as to a doctor, it matters whether the patient lives or dies. It is also a very new science, bringing together elements from ecology, environmental science, forestry, resource management and many other fields. The course is designed to provide the knowledge, theories, and research related to biodiversity conservation. Our teaching focuses on biodiversity conservation, conservation issues associated with climate change, the key theoretical underpinning of biodiversity conservation and an introduction to conservation legislation and economics. We emphasis on the integration of knowledge, skills and abilities that are required to practice conservation. Our problem based learning approach will require students to actively participate in their group project/class room debate by researching.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	develop a framework for critical thinking about biodiversity, environment and human interaction	
	CLO 2	understand why species are becoming extinct and predict which ones will be most vulnerable	
	CLO 3	understand the importance of the threat of tropical deforestation, marine and coastal degradation, and habitat fragmentation in species extinction, and explain the main forces behind habitat and biodiversity loss	
	CLO 4	understand the principles of population viability analysis, the basis of single-species conservation management and the role of ex situ conservation, ecological restoration and reintroduction in conservation	
	CLO 5	outline the legal and administrative basis for conservation in Hong Kong and the world	
	CLO 6	appreciate the roles and relationships of economic, social and environmental sciences in the conservation of biodiversity	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, ability to integrate and synthesize information, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective presentational skills. Strong evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, integration of materials and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate effective presentational skills. Evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective presentational skills. Little evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities and little attempt at integration. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited effectiveness in presentational skills. Lack of attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Field work		10
	Group work		8
	Tutorials		14
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Essay		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 6
	Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R. B. Primack: Essentials of Conservation Biology (Sinauer, 2006, 4th ed.) V. D. Fred: Conservation biology [electronic resource]: foundations, concepts, applications (Springer, 2008) M.L. Hunter and J.P. Gibbs: Fundamentals of Conservation Biology (Blackwell, 2007, 3rd Ed) William J. Sutherland: The Conservation Handbook: Research, Management and Policy (Blackwell Science, 2008) NIL
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

BIOL3305	**Tropical and temperate marine ecology field course (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	16
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B Russell, Biological Sciences *(brussell@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B Russell,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof G A Williams,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course uses a field-based approach to provide students with an advanced understanding of marine and estuarine ecology in tropical regions. Students will learn scientific techniques in Hong Kong and then apply them to compare these ecosystems in Malaysia, experiencing their similarities and differences. The course culminates with students developing field-based research projects to answer ecological questions, using creative and innovative thinking to overcome problems for successful outcomes.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover the structure and function of mangrove forests, coral reefs and rocky shores in tropical regions. Students will be introduced to the concepts in the course through a series of lectures and field trips in Hong Kong before travelling to Malaysia to experience the ecosystems in the field. The lectures will provide students with background knowledge about the ecosystems which they will encounter, the structure and function of the systems and how human activities degrade them, sampling techniques, logical experimental design, and good report writing practices. These concepts will be drawn together in the field with students quantifying species richness, observing system structure and testing hypotheses with experiments that they design themselves		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 demonstrate an understanding of the complexity and function of marine ecosystems.		
	CLO 2 explain the role of physical and biological processes in shaping the similarities and differences among marine ecosystems tropical and temperate regions.		
	CLO 3 demonstrate skills for field sampling in marine and estuarine habitats.		
	CLO 4 demonstrate knowledge in hypothesis testing and experimental design.		
	CLO 5 identify a range of marine species and their role in ecosystems.		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in "C" or above in BIOL2306 or BIOL3301 or BIOL3303 or ENVS2001		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Eagerness and enthusiasm to learn and excellent familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Exemplary handling of field data collection and excellent analytical skills. Ample evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts and broader comparative perspective to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show outstanding abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level.		
	B Evidence of a good grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Interest in learning and good-to-moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Good handling of field data collection and commendable analytical skills. Good evidence of critical thought (although not always independent), with an appreciable use of fundamental concepts and consideration of broader comparative perspective in drawing logical conclusions. Good abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with logical and analytical argumentation. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.		
	C Demonstrate an adequate, but incomplete grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies, but no interest in learning beyond the adequate average level. Evidence of logical critical thinking (although not always independent), with mostly good use of fundamental concepts to draw logical conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.		
	D Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but only partial and with limited understanding of relevant research concepts and research techniques. Some familiarity with relevant case studies, but insufficient evidence of background reading and limited abilities of critical independent thinking. Ineffective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation with restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level.		
	Fail No evidence of basic a minimum grasp of the subject and the minimum relevant research techniques. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Field camps		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures	Pre-course lectures and field trips	20
Field work	100 hours + travel time	100
Reading / Self study		40

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test	During-trip quiz	10	CLO 1
Assignments	Presentation	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Report	Field report (20%) + Project report (50%)	70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Students will be directed to relevant scientific literature and websites
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course involves a two-week field course to Australia, one week in the Sydney (temperate region) and one week on Orpheus Island (tropical region). Students will be exposed to some harsh environmental conditions including working in contact with seawater, potentially cold and rainy weather. Orpheus Island can have an abundance of biting insects (mosquitos and sand flies). There will be extra costs involved in the course, including but not limited to airfares, accommodation and meal

	costs. Enrollment Procedure: Enrollment for this course will close at the end of the add/drop period of the second semester because airfares and accommodation for the trip need to be booked in advance.

BIOL3313	**Freshwater ecology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course introduces freshwater science by integrating the physical and biological components of rivers and their drainage basins in the context of sustaining human livelihoods and biodiversity. Conservation and management of lakes and maintenance of water quality are considered also. Case studies are used to illustrate the principles of river science and human use of drainage basins. Emphasis will be placed upon conservation of freshwater biodiversity in Asia in the context of increasing human modification of ecosystems, habitat degradation and water scarcity.		
Course Contents & Topics	The amount of water on Earth is fixed. Less than 0.01% of the world's water is in lakes and rivers, yet this water hosts 10% of the Earth's species. Global water use has increased 300% since 1950 and is growing faster than the Earth's population; many people in Asia already face water stress. This course introduces the physicochemical processes involved in the hydrological cycle and flow of water in drainage basins, as well as their seasonal fluctuations, and describes the main longitudinal changes that occur along rivers and their floodplains. Energy flows in freshwater ecosystems are described with particular reference to the transfer of materials between water and land and the relative importance of aquatic primary production versus energy derived from detrital inputs from the land. The range of organisms associated with Asian fresh waters is introduced and their functional roles explained, and students will become familiar with some common Hong Kong species in field trips and laboratory sessions. The dependence of humans on freshwater ecosystems and the role they play in sustaining livelihoods is explained, together with the causes and consequences of human modification of fresh waters, and the implications for conservation of aquatic biodiversity. Finally the range of management strategies used to reduce or mitigate human impacts on freshwater ecosystems and maintain water quality is introduced.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe the global water cycle, the main sources and pathways of energy in freshwaters, and the influence of land-water interactions on aquatic productivity	
	CLO 2	describe the composition of the freshwater biota (major groups) and their functional roles in aquatic ecosystems, and identify some of the common animals that occur in Hong Kong fresh waters	
	CLO 3	describe the results of modification of freshwater ecosystems by humans, list the main threats to freshwater biodiversity in Asia, explain why freshwater biota are vulnerable to human impacts, and indicate the management strategies used to reduce or mitigate them	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2102 and BIOL2306		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Evidence of original logical (or coherent) thought, strong analytical (or critical) abilities and a thorough grasp of the subject as demonstrated by background reading and excellent use of named (organism) examples. Show excellent presentational, analytical skills and/or lab/field skills, and substantial knowledge of general freshwater biodiveristy or selected taxa. Excellent or outstanding (for A+) work relative to what is required at degree level.	
	B	Evidence of analytical (or critical) abilities and logical (or coherent) - but not necessarily original - thinking, a good grasp of the subject as demonstrated by background reading and use of named (organism) examples. Show good presentational, analytical and/or lab/field skills, and knowledge of general freshwater biodiversity or selected taxa. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.	
	C	Evidence of some analytical (or critical) abilities and logical (or coherert) thinking with an adequate (but incomplete) grasp of the subject, but little or no evidence of original thinking, with limited background reading and use of named (organism) examples. Show fair presentational, analytical and/or lab/field skills, and some knowledge of general freshwater biodiversity or selected taxa. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.	
	D	Evidence of retention of a minimum of relevant information of the subject (i.e. knowledge is very incomplete), with limited organizational, analytical or presentational skills. Shows insufficient evidence of background reading, or familiarity with lab/field techniques or freshwater biodiversity. Work merely (for D+) or barely (D) adequate for what is required at degree level.	
	Fail	Evidence of poor or inadequate knowledge and understanding of the subject, and a lack of coherence, poor organization and/or excessive irrelevancy. Little or no evidence of familiarity with relevant reading material and lab/field techniques, or any knowledge of freshwater biodiversity. Work fails to reach degree level.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		26
Laboratory	project and laboratory work; field trips to local streams and wetlands	40
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		30	CLO 2
Laboratory reports		10	CLO 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Allan, J.D. & Castillo, M.M. (2007). Stream Ecology. Springer. The Mekong River Awareness Kit (RAK) http://www.mrcmekong.org/RAK/html/rak_frameset.html An online training tool developed by an international team (including the course coordinator) that contains information on the physical and biological features of rivers, and shows how human livelihoods depend on river health. A list of references available in HKU library will be provided for each lecture on the course website.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

Additional Course Information	Offer in alternate year from 2017-2018 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3314	**Plant structure and evolution (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To survey the form and function of the vascular plant body, with particular emphasis on the evolutionary significance of structures. This course forms a basis for understanding plant physiology, ecology, systematics and phylogenetics.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will investigate various cell, tissue and organ types in the vascular plant body, with functional explanations for their diversity and discussions of the value of such knowledge in understanding plant phylogeny. Information on plant structure will be integrated with our current understanding of developmental genetics and taxonomic relationships derived from molecular phylogenetic research. Topics such as food storage, strength, water conduction, growth and development, pollination, fertilization, fruit and seed dispersal, germination, etc., will be discussed.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 recognise the main plant cell types and explain how cells are integrated to form specific primary tissues (such as the xylem and phloem) CLO 2 describe the developmental changes that occur in primary tissues with the onset of secondary growth CLO 3 describe the structure, function and development of secondary vegetative structures (wood and bark) CLO 4 integrate knowledge of the genetic control of floral development with the evolution of organ diversity CLO 5 describe the structure of fruits from a functional perspective, and recognise how these structures are derived from the flower CLO 6 explain how seeds develop after fertilization of the ovule, and how differences in seed structure influences germination patterns		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1309; and Any level 2 BIOL course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining most or all of the course learning outcomes, with evidence of extensive background reading and use of named examples. Show evidence of significant critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply highly effective presentation skills. Demonstrate effective use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes, with evidence of some background reading and use of named examples. Show evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective presentation skills. Demonstrate use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes, with evidence of limited background reading and use of named examples. Show evidence of some critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective presentation skills. Demonstrate mostly correct use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes, with insufficient evidence of background reading and use of named examples. Show evidence of limited critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply limited presentation skills. Demonstrate limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes, with no evidence of background reading or use of named examples. Show little or no evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking. Presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Misuse of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		36
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. Rudall: Anatomy of Flowering Plants, 3rd ed. Cambridge Univ. Press (2007) P.H. Raven, R.F. Evert & S.E. Eichhorn: Biology of Plants, 7th ed. Freeman (2005) A list of additional reading material will be provided during the course.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Offer in alternative year from 2018-2019 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3318	**Experimental intertidal ecology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G A Williams, Biological Sciences *(hrsbwga@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G A Williams,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To examine the communities of coastal systems: their distribution, composition and the factors which regulate them. This course will examine, using an experimental approach, patterns exhibited by a range of shores and the deterministic and stochastic processes that create and sustain them. Hong Kong shores will be used as examples but comparisons will be drawn from the coastlines of the world.		
Course Contents & Topics	The first part of this course describes shores of the marine to brackish water continuum and the communities found on them. Lectures will cover the physical environment of the intertidal (e.g. tides; waves; geological and hydrological processes) the resultant variations in exposure and shore types and consequent distribution of animals		

	and algae on these shores (vertical and horizontal zonation patterns) with specific Hong Kong examples. The second part of the course uses an experimental approach (e.g. sampling methodology; manipulative techniques; experimental design and data analysis) to investigate the factors (e.g. predation; herbivory; competition; disturbance; succession; patchiness and recruitment; supply side ecology) that structure these shores, with particular focus on rocky intertidal shores.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe the physical environmental factors (e.g., waves, tides) shaping the intertidal environment and how they interact with geographic features to produce different kinds of shores (e.g., sandy shores, mangroves)
CLO 2	understand the factors limiting species distribution patterns on the vertical intertidal gradient and appreciate methods to measure and investigate these patterns
CLO 3	identify and quantify the distribution of a variety of local species on different Hong Kong shores
CLO 4	review, critique and design experimental studies to investigate patterns (e.g., zonation) and processes (e.g., herbivory, competition) in intertidal areas
CLO 5	explain the role of biological processes (e.g., predation, succession) and their interaction with the physical environment in shaping intertidal communities
CLO 6	plan, design, execute, analyse and present a simple experimental study on intertidal ecology

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2102 or BIOL3301
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Evidence of original, logical (or coherent) thought, strong analytical and critical abilities and a thorough grasp of the subject as demonstrated by background reading and excellent use of named (organism) examples. Show excellent presentational, analytical skills and/or lab/field skills, and demonstrate substantial knowledge of general intertidal ecology and excellent experimental design and analysis skills.
B	Evidence of analytical (or critical) abilities and logical (or coherent), but not necessarily original, thinking, a good grasp of the subject as demonstrated by background reading and use of named (organism) examples. Show good presentational, analytical and/or lab/field skills, and demonstrate knowledge of general intertidal ecology and good experimental design and analysis skills.
C	Evidence of some analytical (or critical) abilities and logical (or coherent) thinking with an adequate (but incomplete) grasp of the subject, but little or no evidence of original thinking, limited background reading and use of named (organism) examples. Show fair presentational, analytical and/or lab/field skills, and demonstrates some knowledge of general intertidal ecology and adequate abilities of experimental design and analysis.
D	Evidence of retention of a minimum of relevant information of the subject (i.e. knowledge is very incomplete), with limited organizational, analytical or presentational skills. Show insufficient evidence of background reading, or familiarity with lab/field techniques. Poor knowledge of general intertidal ecology and misunderstanding of experimental design and analysis.
Fail	Evidence of poor or inadequate knowledge and understanding of the subject, and a lack of coherence, poor organization and/or excessive irrelevancy. Limited or no evidence of familiarity with relevant reading material and lab/field techniques, or knowledge of general intertidal ecology, and misuse of experimental design and analysis skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		16
Field work	field trip/project work	28
Project work		6
Tutorials		4
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Morton, B. & Morton, J.: The Seashore Ecology of Hong Kong (Hong Kong University Press, 1983) Little, C. & Williams, G.A. & Trowbridge, C.D.: The Biology of Rocky Shores (Oxford University Press, 2009) TBC
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Offer in alternate year from 2017-2018 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3319	**Tropical terrestrial ecology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B S Guenard, Biological Sciences *(bguenard@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B S Guenard,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To enable motivated students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to solve real problems in terrestrial ecology.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course focuses on the ecology of terrestrial habitats providing an overview of patterns and processes at global and regional scale. Students will learn about the evolution of climate and topography over geological times and their roles in shaping current biodiversity and ecosystems distribution. The course also focuses on the taxonomic, functional and ecological composition of organisms within terrestrial ecosystems of Tropical East Asia with emphasis on the major processes regulating communities. An introduction to several global major threats on terrestrial ecosystems and their mechanisms is provided. Finally, the study of habitats recovery through ecological succession using particular examples in Hong Kong is provided. The practical component of the course will introduce students to basic field techniques used in ecology. Students will participate to a group project, collecting and analysing their own data involving both field and laboratory work, and write a short scientific paper. Particular emphasis will be given on how to efficiently read and write scientific literature and present data efficiently. Attendance and participation in class are encouraged through series of discussions to stimulate critical thinking on chosen topics in terrestrial ecology. Assessment includes problem-based learning exercise, group presentation, a final term paper and a final examination covering the content of the course.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand evolution of biodiversity patterns and shaping processes within terrestrial ecosystems at different geographic and time scales CLO 2 understand the current patterns that sustain biodiversity in their pristine form and disturbed state CLO 3 understand the various threats to terrestrial ecosystems and some of the methods to evaluate and reduce the impacts of those threats CLO 4 plan and conduct baseline study of terrestrial biodiversity CLO 5 develop the skill to be an active learner through the problem-based learning exercises
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1309 and BIOL2306
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, ability to integrate and synthesize information, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective presentational skills. Strong evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, integration of materials and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate effective presentational skills. Evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective presentational skills. Little evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities and little attempt at integration. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited effectiveness in presentational skills. Lack of attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory	laboratory & field work	24
Tutorials		14
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Project report		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Presentation		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Corlett R.T. : The Ecology of Tropical East Asia (Oxford University Press, 2009). Dudgeon D. and Corlett R. T.: Ecology and Biodiversity of Hong Kong (Friends of the Country Parks, Hong Kong) To be provided in classes
Course Website	http://moodle@hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3320	**The biology of marine mammals (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	Few other groups of animals have captured the public's imagination the way marine mammals, especially whales and dolphins have. This course covers the evolutionary biology, ecology, behaviour, and conservation of marine mammals: whales, dolphins and porpoises (cetaceans), seals and walruses (pinnipeds), manatees and dugongs (sirenians) and sea otters. Students will learn to understand the ecology of mammalian life in the aquatic environment, their role in the marine ecosystem, their behavioural complexity and socio-ecology, and the current threats to these animals in the human-dominated world.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course begins with an overview of marine mammal species and their global distribution, followed by a review of the various adaptations that have evolved to meet the challenges of the marine environment. Next, the course discusses the life history, reproductive strategies, ecology and population dynamics of marine mammals, highlighting the similarities and differences between species in this taxonomically diverse group of animals. This is followed by sessions on behaviour and behavioural ecology; here we discuss animal movement, diving and ranging behaviour, foraging strategies, ecology of group living and social behaviour, behavioural complexity, cognition, and social strategies that guide the daily lives of these animals. The course concludes with a discussion of human influences on the fate of marine mammals, examples of critically endangered species and populations, and a review of conservation and management strategies; our emphasis is on the importance of applying the knowledge of population ecology, behaviour and behavioural ecology in ensuring long-term effective conservation of marine mammal populations. This course is designed for 3rd and 4th year students; it includes field trips, discussions of current scientific research, innovative research techniques and recent discoveries. Students will undertake independent literature-searches and will discuss their projects during classroom debates, training their skills in conceptual and analytical approaches to science.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 appreciate marine mammal diversity and biogeography CLO 2 understand how mammals adapt and function in an aquatic environment and their role in the marine ecosystem		

	CLO 3	understand and appreciate the complexity of interactions between environmental selective pressures and marine mammal behaviour, population structure and demography
	CLO 4	appreciate the socio-ecological diversity and behavioural complexity of marine mammals
	CLO 5	think analytically in terms of marine mammal ecology and anthropogenic impacts in the rapidly changing world

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject in a broader comparative perspective as demonstrated by background reading and excellent use of named examples and case studies. Evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show eagerness to learn, great abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level.
	B	Evidence of a good grasp of the subject as demonstrated by some background reading and appropriate use of named examples and some case studies. Evidence of good critical thought, although not necessarily original. Good and very good (but not outstanding) abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with good analytical and logical argumentation. Good general command of acquired knowledge to draw meaningful and logical conclusions. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.
	C	Demonstrate an adequate, but not coherent and incomplete grasp of the subject, with limited background reading and limited use of named examples and case studies. Some abilities of logical critical thinking, but not insightful and/or independent; only partial abilities to use acquired knowledge and work independently to draw meaningful conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.
	D	Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but partial and limited to the most basic concepts, examples, and limited (or none) case studies. Insufficient evidence of background reading, limited abilities of critical independent thinking, and not particularly effective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation and restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level.
	Fail	No evidence of basic minimum knowledge and understanding of the subject. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory	including field trips, research site vists, demonstration of research techniques, interactive classroom debates	32
	Project work	project work review	8
	Reading / Self study		60

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		45	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	including active participation/continuous assessment/presentation	55	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Hoelzel AR (ed). Marine mammal biology: An evolutionary approach (Blackwell Science 2002) Reynolds JE & Rommel SA (eds). Biology of marine mammals (Smithsonian Institution Press 1999) Perrin WF, Wursig B & Thewissen JGM (eds). Encyclopedia of marine mammals (Academic Press 2008) Mann J, Connor RC, Tyack PL & Whitehead H (eds). Cetacean societies (The University of Chicago Press 2000)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course is offered in alternate year. This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3322	**Marine invertebrate zoology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces the students to the diversity, biology and ecology of marine invertebrates. Students will be introduced to various aspects of the systematics, anatomy, physiology and functional ecology of the major phyla of marine invertebrates to appreciate the diversity of body plans and ecological roles these animals play in costal, benthic and pelagic ecosystems. The course will particularly focus on the South East Asian seas, which are the most diverse marine systems in the world.		
Course Contents & Topics	Invertebrates make up 95% of all animal species. While insects dominate the terrestrial landscapes, marine environments have a much broader phyletic diversity, with taxa such as Porifera (sponges), Polychaetes (marine worms), Coelenterata (corals and sea anemones) and Echinoderms (sea urchins and starfish) entirely confined to the seas. Together with marine molluscs and crustaceans, these groups play fundamental roles in the functioning of all marine ecosystems, and are a fundamental focus of evolutionary studies of extant taxa and their fossil relatives. This course will lead the students through the discovery of the amazing variety of body plans, adaptations, structure and function of marine invertebrates. In the first part of the course, the study of the phylogenetic relationships and the body plans of marine invertebrates groups, together with the associated evolutionary pathways, will be described to provide students with an evolutionary grand tour of life on Earth. In the second part, students will learn the mechanisms underpinning the ecological functions of marine ecosystems, through the study of the functional biology and ecology of the dominant groups. The diversity of invertebrates present in South East Asian seas will be introduced, and students will become familiar the commonest Hong Kong taxa and species in field trips and laboratory sessions.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	identify major taxa of marine invertebrates
	CLO 2	describe the evolutionary history of the different taxa , understanding their relationships
	CLO 3	describe the composition of the invertebrates communities and their roles in marine ecosystems, and learn to identify common species and taxa typical of Hong Kong coastal waters

	CLO 4	understand the functional biology of marine invertebrates and their contribution to ecological functioning of marine ecosystems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Eagerness and enthusiasm to learn and excellent familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Exemplary handling of field data collection and excellent analytical skills. Ample evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts and broader comparative perspective to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show outstanding abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level.
	B	Evidence of a good grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Interest in learning and good-to-moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Good handling of field data collection and commendable analytical skills. Good evidence of critical thought (although not always independent), with an appreciable use of fundamental concepts and consideration of broader comparative perspective in drawing logical conclusions. Good abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with logical and analytical argumentation. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.
	C	Demonstrate an adequate, but incomplete grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies, but no interest in learning beyond the adequate average level. Evidence of logical critical thinking (although not always independent), with mostly good use of fundamental concepts to draw logical conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.
	D	Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but only partial and with limited understanding of relevant research concepts and research techniques. Some familiarity with relevant case studies, but insufficient evidence of background reading and limited abilities of critical independent thinking. Ineffective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation with restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level.
	Fail	No evidence of basic a minimum grasp of the subject and the minimum relevant research techniques. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		26
	Laboratory		24
	Field work		12
	Project work		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 4
	Assignments		30	CLO 2, 4
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R. S. K. Barnes, Peter P. Calow, P. J. W. Olive, D. W. Golding, J. I. Spicer. 2001 The Invertebrates: A Synthesis, 3rd Edition, Wiley-Blackwell. Ruppert, Edward E.; Fox, Richard S.; Barnes, Robert D. Invertebrate Zoology: A Functional Evolutionary Approach. 2004. Belmont, CA: Thomas-Brooks/Cole. Students will be directed to relevant scientific literature and websites
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Offer in alternate year from 2017-2018 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers

BIOL3328	**Nearshore marine and estuarine ecology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	12
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G A Williams, Biological Sciences *(hrsbwga@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B Russell,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof G A Williams,School of Biological sciences)		
Course Objectives	Using a comparative approach between Hong Kong and South African shores, students will learn to identify the relevant environmental gradients which define the intertidal zone, and the species interactions which mould these communities. This will be achieved through an intensive field-based approach, visiting and working in different intertidal habitats in both Hong Kong and, during a residential fieldcamp, in South Africa.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students will learn the abiotic and biotic factors that structure intertidal communities in Hong Kong and, during a residential fieldcamp, different South African intertidal communities. In South Africa, specific topics will focus on (1) Intertidal biodiversity and species interactions (2) Species distribution patterns on intertidal shores (3) Species interactions and behaviour (4) Trophic interactions and connectivity between local terrestrial and marine communities. (5) Larger-scale connectivity from freshwaters to marine systems HKU Students will work in groups with students from the University of Johannesburg and North West University, South Africa to collect data; design and carry out experiments; present their findings; and write up formal scientific reports on the different topics. Note individual topics may change in different years and are weather dependent.		

Course Learning Outcomes		
		On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1	compare the contrast the shallow water coastal environments of Hong Kong and the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa
	CLO 2	identify a range of species and their roles and relationships in the intertidal zone
	CLO 3	understand the abiotic conditions defining the intertidal environment and quantify and interpret the distribution of species over relevant environmental gradients
	CLO 4	design, execute and analyse experiments to investigate species interactions
	CLO 5	integrate abiotic and biotic interactions to determine patterns of connectivity between intertidal habitats

	CLO 6	analyse, interpret and present data using a variety of media to demonstrate scientific understanding of topics

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 or BIOL3301			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Thorough and complete grasp of the subject. Strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Excellent lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Excellent organizational and presentational skills		
	B	Good and near-complete grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Competent lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Good organizational and presentational skills.		
	C	Adequate (but incomplete) grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Adequate lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Fair organizational and presentational skills.		
	D	Limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Barely adequate lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Barely satisfactory organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail	Poor or inadequate knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Inadequate lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Incoherent organization and poor presentational skills.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Field camps			

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	Pre-course modules	8
	Field work		60
	Tutorials	Pre-course assignments	10
	Reading / Self study		50

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Pre-course	20	CLO 1, 2, 6
	Assignments	Group presentation	30	CLO 3, 4, 5, 6
	Report		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Students will be directed to relevant scientific literature, websites and appropriate teaching materials.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Students who have taken BIOL3318 will be at an advantage. Students will join undergraduate students from the University of Johannesburg and North Western University, South Africa on a residential field camp at Tsitsikamma (Storms River Camp, Eastern Province, South Africa) in the second Reading Week (Second Semester). Students will be expected to live in tented accommodation and contribute to daily camp activities as well as conduct fieldwork in potentially harsh environmental conditions. Extra costs may be involved in the course, which may include airfares. Accommodation, meal costs and internal travel in South Africa are covered by South African hosts.

BIOL3401	**Molecular biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	130
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K W Y Yuen, Biological Sciences *(kwyyuen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof A K M Lam,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof K W Y Yuen,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof. N Liu,School of Biological Sceinces)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with recent knowledge in molecular biology with special emphasis on the study of gene structure and function at the molecular level.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course includes a detailed account of the molecular processes in eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells, from DNA replication, RNA transcription, protein translation, to post-translational modifications with special emphasis on the regulation of prokaryotic and eukaryotic gene expression. Recently developed biochemical techniques including oligonucleotide synthesis, DNA sequencing, complementary screening and DNA cloning, site-directed mutagenesis, polymerase chain reaction and transgenic technology will also be discussed.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 know the basic structures of DNA, RNA and protein, and how DNA is package in the nucleus of eukaryotic cells
	CLO 2 understand the biochemical processes involved in DNA replication, transcription, translation and post-translational modifications in prokaryotes and eukaryotes
	CLO 3 explain and describe the regulation of gene transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes
	CLO 4 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the underlying concepts associated with recently developed techniques including PCR, site-directed mutagenesis, DNA sequencing

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301 Not for students who have passed BBMS2007 or enrolled in this course.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		20
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R. Weaver: Molecular Biology (McGraw-Hill, 2005 or 2008) J. Watson et al.: Molecular Biology of the Gene (Benjamin Cummings, 2004) B. Lewin: Gene IX (Jones and Bertlett, 2008) Selected journal articles and web learning materials. TBC
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

BIOL3402	**Cell biology and cell technology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	120
Course Co-ordinator	Prof H E Johnson, Biological Sciences *(hjohnson@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof H E Johnson,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof Peng Wang,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a coherent understanding of the structure and function of cells, and the principles and applications of cell culture and instrumentation in biology and biotechnology		

Course Contents & Topics

I. Cell Biology
Cell membranes. Organelles. Cellular transport: ions transport and ions channels. Protein and RNA transport. Membrane potentials, Action potentials. Cell junctions. Extracellular Matrix. Cell-cell interactions. Cell-matrix interactions. Cell migration and the cytoskeleton.

II. Techniques in animal cell culture
Mammalian cells in culture. Primary and continuous cell lines. Cell types and cell growth parameters. Media formulation, growth factors and design of serum-free media. Culture lab facilities and sterilization. Mechanism of cryopreservation.

III. Techniques in plant cell culture
Root and shoot cultures. Explant regeneration. Protoplasts. Secondary metabolites.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	acquire fundamental knowledge on cell biology and cell technology
CLO 2	demonstrate basic laboratory techniques on cell culture
CLO 3	gain insight into real-life applications in cell biology and cell technology

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational skills. Writings consistently demonstrate informed, thoughtful intellectual engagement with broad range of relevant concepts.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational skills. Writings mostly demonstrate informed, thoughtful intellectual engagement with broad range of relevant concepts.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational skills. Writings mostly indicate informed, intellectual engagement with concepts or theories but not always with sufficient depth, breadth or understanding.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational skills. Writings indicate some intellectual engagement with concepts or theories but mostly at a superficial level.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Writings reveal an absence of intellectual engagement with concepts or theories. Writings are irrelevant or superficial.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Laboratory			24
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 3
	Test		20	CLO 1
	Laboratory reports		30	CLO 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Textbooks: Alberts, B. et al.: Molecular Biology of the Cell (Garland, 2022, 7th ed.)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			

BIOL3403	**Immunology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	110
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Chaogu Zheng, Biological Sciences *(cgzheng@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Chaogu Zheng,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof W B L Lim,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a broad understanding of the animal immune system with a focus on the cells and molecules involved in immune reactions against pathogens. Topics will also include the application of a variety of immunological methods to research and disease diagnosis.		
Course Contents & Topics	Cells and organs in the immune systems and their functions in vertebrates. Structures and biological properties of antibodies. Generation of diverse antibodies through somatic recombination. Innate and adaptive immunity. Humoral and cell-mediated immunity. T-cell receptor signalling. Major histocompatibility complex and antigen presentation. Emergence and characteristics of lymphoid tissues. Complement pathways. Immunity against bacteria, viruses and parasites. AIDS, COVID-19, Vaccination, hypersensitivity, and autoimmunity. Immunological tests and immunochemical techniques using antibodies and their application to various biological problems in research and clinic.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe the structure and function of the immune molecules which are involved in the body defense mechanisms, including antibody, T-cell receptor, cytokines, MHC and complement proteins	
	CLO 2	describe the organization of the mammalian immune system in terms of genes, cells and tissues	
	CLO 3	explain the underlying mechanisms associated with transplant rejection, transfusion reaction and vaccination	
	CLO 4	explain how the immune system responds to infections by bacteria, viruses and parasites	
	CLO 5	understand antigen-antibody interaction and the principle of immunoassays	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	1. Exceptionally good performance demonstrating comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. 2. Critical insight and analysis into the scientific literatures. 3. Superior writing, presentation and group communication skills.	
	B	1. Good performance demonstrating full understanding of the subject matter. 2. Coherent insight and analysis into the scientific literatures. 3. Good writing, presentation and group communication skills.	
	C	1. Satisfactory performance demonstrating adequate understanding of the subject matter. 2. Some insight into the scientific literatures. 3. Adequate writing and communication skills.	
	D	1. Limited performance demonstrating some understanding of basic subject matter. 2. Some ability to use the scientific literatures. 3.Limited writing and communication skills.	
	Fail	1. Poor understanding of subject matter. 2. Little to no insight into use of the scientific literatures. 3. Unable to write or communicate.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			30
	Laboratory	during reading week		16
	Tutorials			6
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test	Mid term	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	J. Kuby: Immunology (Freeman and Company, 2003 or 2007-6thd ed., or 2013-7th ed.) Benjamin & Leskowitz: Immunology: A Short Course (Wiley-Liss, 2007, 6th edition. Or the latest edition) I. Roitt, J. Brostoff and D. Male: Immunology (Mosby, latest 2 editions)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL3404	**Protein structure and function (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	70
Course Co-ordinator	Prof A K M Lam, Biological Sciences *(akml@hku.hk)*		

Teachers Involved	(Prof A K M Lam,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof N Liu,School of Biological Sciences)
Course Objectives	To provide students with a good understanding of protein structure, how structure subserves function, and the methods for study of both. This course provides a strong foundation for advanced courses in biochemistry and biotechnology.
Course Contents & Topics	Elements of macromolecular structure: sequencing, prediction and determination of secondary, tertiary and quaternary structures; The relationship between protein structure and function: molecular motifs, binding and recognition, enzyme catalysis and specificity; Methods for protein structure determination: X-ray crystallography, nuclear magnetic resonance, and cryo-electron microscopy; AI-based structure prediction tools, such as AlphaFold3; How protein works: protein flexibility and dynamics, protein interaction, protein complex, and control of protein function; Protein purification and characterization: various liquid chromatographical methods and their uses in combination, separation techniques, methods of determination of molecular mass, activity and purity, optical methods in protein determination, ultracentrifugation, protein polishing, stability and storage, methods and devices for protein delivery.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 fundamental understanding of principles of protein structure CLO 2 demonstrate a basic understanding of the relationship between protein structure and function CLO 3 have a basic understanding of major methods for macromolecular structure determination CLO 4 understand the principles regulating protein function in vivo CLO 5 learn about the ways to purify protein and the many industrial uses of proteins
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2220 or MEDE2301 or BMED2301
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** 1. Exceptionally good performance demonstrating comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. 2. Critical insight into the scientific literature. 3. Superior writing and group communication skills. **B** 1. Good performance demonstrating full understanding of the subject matter. 2. Coherent insight into the scientific literature. 3. Good writing and group collaboration skills. **C** 1. Satisfactory performance demonstrating adequate understanding of the subject matter. 2. Some insight into the scientific literature. 3. Adequate writing and group collaboration skills. **D** 1. Limited performance demonstrating some understanding of basic subject matter. 2. Some ability to use the scientific literature. 3. Limited writing and group collaboration skills. **Fail** 1. Poor understanding of subject matter. 2. Little to no insight into use of the scientific literature. 3. Unable to write or collaborate.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Assignments / 35 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Presentation / 15 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	None prescribed To be announced.
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3405	**Molecular microbiology (6 credits)** **Academic Year** 2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences **Quota** 30
Course Co-ordinator	---, Biological Sciences *()*
Teachers Involved	(---,)
Course Objectives	This course is intended for biology, biotechnology and biochemistry students who would like to understand the modern fundamentals of microbiology. At the end of the course the students are expected to know the physiological, biochemical and molecular aspects of microbiology.
Course Contents & Topics	The basic biochemistry of microorganisms will be described. The intrinsic factors that affect the growth of microbes in the environment will be examined. The adaptation of the microbes to the environment by means of physiological changes and genetical alterations will be illustrated. The molecular biology of bacteria and viruses will be considered. The molecular biology of plasmids and transposable elements and their association with medical aspect will be discussed. The use of modern technology in studying microorganisms will be explored.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the intrinsic reorganization of microbes in response to the changing environments CLO 2 comprehend the major modes of regulation in the microbe CLO 3 explain the biology of bacteriophages and plasmids CLO 4 realize the importance of transposable elements in the survival of the microbes CLO 5 appreciate the development of modern techniques in studying microorganisms
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking,

		with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		20
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		20	CLO 3, 4, 5
Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC Maloy S.R., Cronan J.E. & Freifelder D. Microbial Genetics (Jones & Bartlett 1994, 2nd ed.) Willey, Sherwood & Woolverton: Prescott's Principles of Microbiology (McGraw Hill 2009) Watson, Baker, Bell, Gann, Levine & Losick: Molecular Biology of the Gene (CSHL Press 2008, 6th ed.) Madigan, Martinko, Dunlap & Clark: Brock Biology of Microorganisms (Pearson 2009, 12th ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3406	**Reproduction and reproductive biotechnology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	35
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide a comprehensive overview on modern concepts and recent advances in reproductive biology & reproductive biotechnology in human and animal models.		
Course Contents & Topics	-Basic concepts of reproduction, evolution of sex, human & animal reproductive strategies and sexual behavior. -Molecular mechanisms for sex determination, developmental aspects of gametogenesis and reproductive systems. -Neuroendocrinology of reproductive system and recent advances in kisspeptin & GnRH system and steroid feedback via KNDy neuronal circuit. -Environmental endocrine disruptors and recent advances in biotechnology for fertility control & assisted reproduction in human. -Recent advances in embryonic stem cells & induced pluripotent stem cells and their applications in regenerative medicine/therapeutic cloning. -New technology for genome editing by TALENT & CRISPR/Cas9 systems and gene therapy, animal cloning and primordial germ cell transplantation in animal models.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	Have a broad understanding of reproductive biology ranging from evolution of sex, different reproductive strategies & sexual behaviors in animals to the regulatory mechanisms for sex determination & development of reproductive systems.
CLO 2	Have an appreciation of the recent advances on neuroendocrine control of reproductive functions & reproductive cycle, sexual behavior, parental care, and pregnancy & parturition in human & mammalian models.
CLO 3	Have a basic understanding on the adverse effects of environmental endocrine disruptors on reproduction, possible causes of human infertility & treatment with assisted reproduction.
CLO 4	Comprehend a wide range of modern technologies for genome editing, animal cloning & primordial germ cell transplantation and the applications of embryonic stem cells/induced pluripotent stem cells in regenerative medicine/therapeutic cloning.

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or MEDE2301		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test	Continuous Assessment	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. Biotechnology of Animal Reproduction (e-book) by M. M. Seneda, K. C. Silva-Santos & L. S. R. Martinho, Nova Science Publishers (2016). 2. Human Reproductive Biology (4th edition, e-Book) by R.E. Jones & Kristin H. Lopez, Academic Press (2015) (Winner of 2015 Textbook Excellence Award). 3. Reproduction System at a Glance by L.J. Heffner & D.J. Schust, Wiley-Blackwell (2014). 4. Yen and Jaffe Reproductive Endocrinology (e-Book) by J.F. Strauss III & R. Barbieri, Elsevier / Saunders (2014)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Refer to the Website of School of Biological Sciences This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3408	**Genetics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prtof G Y W Chan, Biological Sciences *(gywchan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C Schunter,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof G Y W Chan,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide students with fundamental knowledge on various topics in genetics (classical, molecular and population genetics) and genomics (genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, epigenomics, and bioinformatics)		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics will include principles and chromosomal basis of Mendelian genetics, linkage analysis and mapping, concept and definition of the gene, molecular mechanisms of mutation, DNA repair and recombination, DNA transposition, extranuclear inheritance, genome editing, epigenetics, genomics, transcriptomics and proteomics, as well as population genetics. Basic knowledge and applications of bioinformatics will also be included.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand and present basic principles of heredity, genetic variations and mechanisms of DNA repair
CLO 2	understand both concepts and applications of genomics, transcriptomics and proteomics
CLO 3	apply qualitative and quantitative experimental methodologies for genetic analysis at individual and population level
CLO 4	acquire bioinformatics skills including use of genome browser and analysing gene expression data, and write reports to discuss the results

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1110 or BIOC1600; and BIOL2102 or BIOL2103.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Integration of the full range of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. General integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Some partial integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Limited integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Little or no or inapt integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials	tutorials & laboratories	6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Written report - Bioinformatics assignment	20	CLO 2, 4
	Laboratory reports	Report of data collected in lab sessions	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation	Presentation of special topics	20	CLO 1, 3
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL3409	**Business aspects of biotechnology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives

The course will give an overview of the innovative developments in biotech industry and provide the students with useful tools in learning how an exciting research idea can be turned into a viable business.

Course Contents & Topics

The purpose of the course is to introduce you to the entrepreneurial process with a focus on the biotechnology industry. The course will provide a thoughtful, practical guide to the process of successfully launching an entrepreneurial venture. We place a special emphasis on the decision to become a biotech entrepreneur and how to develop successful business ideas, however we will also discuss the process of moving from an idea to a biotech firm. Topics on intellectual properties, patent laws, patent application process, licensing and fundraising will be covered as well. Throughout the course, guest entrepreneurs, managers and directors of the biotech industry will be presenting case studies and explain their involvement in various biotech and pharmaceutical companies.
Topics:
1. Introduction to Biotechnology Industry: 4 P in Biotechnology Business (3 hours)
2. IP rights: Patent application, Patent system, USPTO, SIPO, PCT (6 hours)
3. Licensing of IP rights (3 hours)
4. Technology Transfer Office and HKSTP (3 hours)
5. How to raise fund for startup companies (3 hours)?
6. Agrobiotechnology and Green Tech (Monsanto, Novozymes, etc) (4.5 hours)
7. Drug development and clinical trials (Gilead Sciences, Wuxi PharmaTech, etc). (6 hours)
8. Diagnostics business (BGI, Diagcor, etc) (4.5 hours)
9. Company analysis (3 hours)
10. Company Visit
11. Company analysis

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand and demonstrate knowledge of the development and management of biotechnology business
CLO 2	understand and demonstrate how discoveries and inventions are commercialized
CLO 3	navigate the various steps in the development of a biotechnology derived product: from bench, to scale-up, to market
CLO 4	gain technical and business knowledge of the biotechnology and bioprocessing industries
CLO 5	participate and contribute to the business side of scientific enterprises

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Pass in any level 3 BIOL or BIOC or BBMS course; NOT for students who have passed in BIOL2409.
This course is only for students admitted in 2017-2018 or before.

Offer in 2025 - 2026 N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Students acquire exceptional skills and knowledge from the course and are capable of independently analyzing the business and technological developments of various biotechnology ventures.
B	Students demonstrate a broad and in-depth understanding of the current developments in biotechnology industry and are capable of analyzing the business and technological developments of various biotechnology ventures under guidance.
C	Students demonstrate a broad and in-depth understanding of the current developments in biotechnology industry.
D	Students demonstrate a moderate understanding of the current developments in biotechnology industry.
Fail	Students fail to demonstrate a moderate understanding of the current developments in biotechnology industry.

Communication-intensive Course N

Course Type Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Field work		6
Group work	Presentation	12
Reading / Self study		60
Assessment	Assignment	18

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials

Thomas H. Byers, Richard C. Dorf, Andrew J. Nelson (2011) Technology Ventures: From Idea to Enterprise 3rd ed. McGraw Hill
Company annual reports
Online materials

Course Website http://moodle.hku.hk/

Additional Course Information

This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.
Priority will be given to students majoring or minoring in MBB

BIOL3414	**Plant stress biology and climate change (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof P Wang, Biological Sciences *(pwang1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Wu,School of Biological sciences) (Prof P Wang,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course integrates principles and key concepts of plant physiology, plant molecular biology, and plant ecophysiology to comprehend the occurrence and development of climate change, to demonstrate the impact of climate change on plants and the global ecosystem, to illustrate how plants and ecosystems respond to various stress induced by climate change, and to compare and analyze biology- and nature-based strategies for the mitigation climate change and the development of sustainable agriculture.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course covers five major topics: i. Introduction to plants on Earth This section explains why we study plants, understand the contribution of plants to human life and the global ecosystem, and analyze how the structure of plants supports their function. ii. Adaptation of the global ecosystem to climate change. This section covers historical perspectives on the occurrence and development of climate change, explains the role of plants in climate change, demonstrates climate change in the context of climatology, comprehends nature-based strategies for the mitigation of climate change, and formulates sustainable ecosystems in the context of climate change. iii. Plant responses to environmental stress. This section analyzes different environmental stress aggravated by climate change and demonstrates molecular mechanisms plants employ to sense and respond to crucial abiotic stress (e.g., elevated CO2 level, temperature stress, drought stress) and biotic stress. iv. Development of sustainable agriculture to mitigate climate change and ensure food security. This section explains principles and key concepts of sustainable agriculture, compares different strategies for the development of sustainable agriculture, and demonstrates ethical considerations and policy implications for promoting plant adaptation to climate change via the action of sustainable agriculture		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	Acquire key concepts in plant physiology, plant molecular biology, and plant ecophysiology, and laboratory skills in studying plant stress biology	
	CLO 2	Understand climate change in the perspectives of biology and ecology	
	CLO 3	Gain insight into molecular mechanisms underlying plant responses to environmental stress	
	CLO 4	Conceive natural- and biological-based solutions in the mitigation of climate change	
	CLO 5	Develop teamwork, presentation, and critical thinking skills	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1110 and BIOL2103. Not for students who have passed in BIOL2414.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Core textbooks: 1. Aftab, Tariq, and Aryadeep Roychoudhury, eds. Plant Perspectives to Global Climate Changes: Developing Climate-Resilient Plants. Academic Press, 2021. 2. Taiz, Lincoln et al., eds. Plant Physiology and Development. Seventh edition. New York, NY: Sinauer Associates: Oxford University Press, 2023. 3. Heldt, Hans-Walter, and Birgit Piechulla. Plant biochemistry. Academic Press, 2021.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrolment number and availability of teachers

BIOL3416	Developmental biology (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	Quota	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Chaogu Zheng, Biological Sciences *(cgzheng@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Chaogu Zheng,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof H E Johnson,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a broad understanding of animal development from a zygote to a reproductive adult with a focus on the genetic mechanisms that regulate cell differentiation and tissue/organ formation. To provide training for critical analysis of cutting-edge research in developmental biology.		
Course Contents & Topics	Principle of animal development. The role of cell-cell communication, signal transduction, and differential gene expression in the specification of cell and tissue identity. The mechanisms of sexual determination, gametogenesis, and fertilization. The patterning and genetic control of early embryonic development. The development of vertebrate nervous system from neural tube to neocortex. Organ formation and the mechanisms of building mesoderm and endoderm. Adult stem cells and their differentiation and functions. Development and regeneration. Developmental genetics and experimental techniques used in developmental biology. The iPS and stem cell technologies.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 Describe the principle of animal development and the processes from fertilization to early embryonic development to germ layer formation and organogenesis.		
	CLO 2 Describe the cellular basis and molecular signalling events involved in the formation of major organs, such as the brain, somite, heart, limbs, etc.		
	CLO 3 Explain the molecular and cellular mechanisms that regulate the patterning of the embryos and the specification of cell and tissue identity.		
	CLO 4 Explain the role and regulation of stem cells in development and regeneration and understand stem cell and iPS technologies in disease treatment.		
	CLO 5 Understand the experimental techniques used in the cutting-edge research in developmental biology and develop analytic skills to understand and present research papers.		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC2600 or BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or BMED2301.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Critical analysis of research papers and apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Appropriate analysis of research papers and apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Mostly correct analysis of research papers and apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Limited ability to analyze research papers and apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Misunderstanding of research papers and organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		16
	Tutorials		6
	Assessment		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test	2 Module quizzes	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 3, 5
	Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Developmental Biology by Michael J. F. Barresi and Scott F. Gilbert, 12th edition, Publisher: Oxford University Press
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3419	Insect ecology: the little things that run the world (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	Quota	25
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B S Guenard, Biological Sciences *(bguenard@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B S Guenard,School of Biological Siences)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces the students with the biology of terrestrial arthropods. With a main focus on insects and arachnids, students will be introduced to various aspects of their anatomy and physiology, systematics, and ecology		

	to understand the fundamental roles that arthropods play in natural and human-shaped ecosystems. The course will focus particularly on the diversity and importance of insects in South East Asia.
Course Contents & Topics	With about 1.1 million and 110,000 species described respectively, insects and arachnids represent nearly 80% of all species known on the planet. A diversity also reflected in the diversity of behaviours, evolutionary adaptations or ecological interactions played at all trophic levels within ecosystems. As herbivores, pollinators, seed-dispersal agents, predators, parasitoids, disease vectors or decomposers, arthropods are major components in the stability and functioning of most ecosystems. Yet their importance is often underestimated by many fields of biology to the profit of larger "charismatic" vertebrates. However, arthropods offer incredible opportunities for scientific discoveries, revealing sometimes attributes in morphology, reproduction or behaviour beyond the most prolific imagination, and challenging existing paradigms in ecology and evolution. This course will propose an introduction to these extremely successful organisms and give them the value they deserve. A first step to the study of arthropods is to learn how to identify them correctly. Part of this course will present the main criteria to recognize major insects and arachnids groups. The second part will focus on their diversity, distribution and ecological functions within ecosystems. Finally the last part of the course will present the impacts of human activities on arthropods, how they have been used historically and nowadays, and what kind of problems or solution they represent for human societies?
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 identify major groups of insects and arthropods CLO 2 understand and use the main collecting methods to sample arthropod diversity CLO 3 understand the ecological diversity of arthropod groups and their importance in ecosystems CLO 4 understand the biotic and abiotic factors that drive terrestrial arthropod species richness and abundance CLO 5 understand how human activities modify insect diversity CLO 6 describe the multiple roles played by insects on human activities
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1309 and BIOL2306
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstration of an excellent understanding of the biological concepts and theories developed during the course. Master the identification skills and use of taxonomic keys of the different groups of arthropods studied. Present an active and participative attitude in class. Curation and identification of the collection reaching international scientific standard as presented during the course. **B** Demonstration of a good understanding of the biological concepts and theories developed during the course. Master most of the identification skills and use of taxonomic keys of the different groups of arthropods. Participation in class more limited. Curation and identification of the collection satisfactory for the course. **C** Demonstration of a general but incomplete understanding of the biological concepts and theories developed during the course. Identification skills and use of taxonomic keys of the different groups of arthropods insufficient to provide reliable identification. Participation in class very limited or irrelevant. Curation and identification of the collection not reaching academic level. **D** Demonstration of a limited understanding of the biological concepts and theories developed during the course. Identification skills and use of taxonomic keys of the different groups of arthropods inadequate and mostly inaccurate. No participation in class or unsettling. Poor curation and identification of the collection. **Fail** Fail to provide evidence of knowledge on the biological concepts and theories developed during the course. No identification skills and lack of knowledge on how to use taxonomic keys. No participation in class or unsettling. Curation and identification highly unsatisfactory or work not delivered on time.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory	This part includes 4 hours of lectures about identification and curation of arthropod collection.	28
Project work	Students will collect independently their own insect collection, curate and identify the specimen collected	48
Reading / Self study		50

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Price et al. 2011. Insect Ecology: behavior, populations and communities. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA. 801 pages. Schowalter T. D. 2011. Insect Ecology, an ecosystem approach. Elsevier, China. 633 pages.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Offer in alternate year from 2017-2018 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers

BIOL3501	**Evolution (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	Evolution is the cornerstone of modern biology. The course aims to introduce students to the major themes of contemporary evolutionary biology, including the history of evolutionary biology, evolutionary processes, adaptation, speciation, and evolution as an explanatory framework at all levels of biological organization. The course emphasizes the interplay between theory and empirical tests of hypotheses, thus acquainting students with the process of science.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to Evolution - The relevance of evolution to everyday life - Cases for evolutionary thinking Evolution as Fact		

	- Patterns of evolutionary change - The evidence for evolution Evolution as Theory - Before Darwin - Darwinism - The Modern Synthesis & beyond The Mechanisms of Evolution - The origin of genetic variation: mutation - Genetic drift: evolution at random. - Natural selection, sexual selection, and adaptation. - Migration Evolution and Biodiversity - Species - Speciation - Evolution and development - The history of life - Estimating Evolutionary Trees
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 familiar with the facts and theory of evolution CLO 2 describe Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection and how the process of natural selection can lead to speciation CLO 3 have an advanced understanding of the modern evolutionary theory CLO 4 apply evolutionary thinking to real world problems in agriculture, medicine, and biodiversity conservation
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Exceptionally good performance demonstrating excellent understanding of the subject matter, extensive knowledge over a wide range of topics covered by the course, and skillful applications of concepts/theories in solving new or unfamiliar problems, showing strong abilities in critical thinking and logical reasoning, with evidence of significant insight and original thought in dealing with the critical issues in the field. **B** Good performance demonstrating capacity to use the appropriate concepts, a good understanding of the subject matter, and an ability to handle the problems and materials encountered in the subject, showing evidence of attaining most of the course learning outcomes. **C** Adequate performance demonstrating some understanding of the subject matter, an ability to handle relatively simple problems, but showing incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the expected course learning outcomes. **D** Minimally acceptable performance demonstrating at least partial familiarity with the subject matter and some capacity to deal with relatively simple problems, but also demonstrating serious deficiencies in knowledge required for attaining most of the expected course learning outcomes. **Fail** Poor performance in all aspects of the course, showing little evidence of learning, lacking real understanding of the subject matter, demonstrating deficiencies serious enough to make it inadvisable to proceed further without additional course work.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Project work		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Essay		5	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Project reports	including computer lab	15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	J.C. Herron and S. Freeman: Evolutionary Analysis (5th ed. Pearson, 2013) Douglas J. Futuyma: Evolution, (3rd Edition, Sinauer Associates, 2013) eBooks available.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3502	**Conservation genetics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	The course aims to familiarize students with fundamental principles and recent advances in conservation genetics. The theories and methods will be taught with a balanced range of examples - mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, as well as plants - to demonstrate how genetic data can be used to answer a range of important questions in real world conservation practice.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to conservation genetics. Part I. Evolutionary Genetics of Natural Populations: - genetic diversity - characterizing genetic diversity: single loci and quantitative variation; - evolutionary impacts of natural selection, mutation, migration and their interactions in large populations; - genetic consequences of small population sizes;		

	- maintenance of genetic diversity; - population genomics. Part II. Effects of Population Size Reduction: - loss of genetic diversity in small populations; - inbreeding; - inbreeding depression; - population fragmentation; - genetically viable populations. Part III. From Theory to Practice: - resolving taxonomic uncertainties and defining management units; - genetic management of wild populations; - genetic issues in introduced and invasive species; - genetic management of captive populations; - genetic management for reintroduction; - use of molecular genetics in forensics and understanding species biology.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	demonstrate an advanced understanding of the concepts of conservation genetics
CLO 2	understand the criteria for determining the conservation status of endangered, vulnerable, or threatened species
CLO 3	know the methods for characterizing genetic diversity at population and species levels
CLO 4	comprehend the relationships between genetic diversity, inbreeding, reproductive fitness, and evolutionary potential in wild populations
CLO 5	describe the effects of habitat fragmentation and population size reduction on genetic diversity and the implications in managing nature reserves
CLO 6	gain ability to integrate genetic information in resolving taxonomic uncertainties, in understanding species biology, in setting conservation priorities, and in developing management strategies for wild and captive populations

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 or BIOL3303 or BIOL3408		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Exceptionally good performance demonstrating excellent understanding of the subject matter, extensive knowledge over a wide range of topics covered by the course, and skillful applications of concepts/theories in solving new or unfamiliar problems, showing strong abilities in critical thinking and logical reasoning, with evidence of significant insight and original thought in dealing with the critical issues in the field.
B	Good performance demonstrating capacity to use the appropriate concepts, a good understanding of the subject matter, and an ability to handle the problems and materials encountered in the subject, showing evidence of attaining most of the course learning outcomes.
C	Adequate performance demonstrating some understanding of the subject matter, an ability to handle relatively simple problems, but showing incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the expected course learning outcomes.
D	Minimally acceptable performance demonstrating at least partial familiarity with the subject matter and some capacity to deal with relatively simple problems, but also demonstrating serious deficiencies in knowledge required for attaining most of the expected course learning outcomes.
Fail	Poor performance in all aspects of the course, showing little evidence of learning, lacking real understanding of the subject matter, demonstrating deficiencies serious enough to make it inadvisable to proceed further without additional course work.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		12
Project work		12
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 4, 5, 6
Test		10	CLO 1, 4, 5, 6
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Essay		5	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Laboratory reports		10	CLO 3
Project report		5	CLO 1, 4, 6
Presentation		10	CLO 1, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Frankham et al: Introduction to Conservation Genetics (Cambridge University Press, 2009, 2nd ed.) e-book available
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Website - to be listed This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3503	**Endocrinology: human physiology II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C B Chan, Biological Sciences *(chancb@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B K C Chow,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof C B Chan,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide an advanced course on hormones and how they regulate metabolism/growth, reproduction and water/salt homeostasis in our body.		

Course Contents & Topics	History: discovery of blood borne factor or hormone. Chemical nature of hormones. Mechanisms of cell-cell signaling. Secondary messengers. Responsivity and hormonal effects. The hypothalamic pituitary axis The GHRH-GH-IGF axis. The TRH-TSH-thyroid hormone axis. The CRH-ACTH-cortisol axis. Cortisol and stress. Catecholamine effects and their pathways. The gastrointestinal system The enteric nervous system. The cephalic phase, stomach phase and intestinal phase of food digestion. Regulation of acid secretion. Regulation of pancreatic exocrine and endocrine secretion. Gut hormones: gastrin, GIP, CCK, secretin, GLP-1, GLP-2 and motilin. Regulation of feeding, energy balance and food intake. Insulin and glucagon. Reproduction The GnRH-gonadotropin-sex hormone axis. Regulation of LH and FSH release. Male reproductive system. Interaction of hormones produced by various cells in the testis to regulate spermatogenesis. Biological actions of testosterone. The erection reflex. Female reproductive system. Development of ovarian follicles. The menstrual cycle: hormonal control: Ovulation, fertilization and implantation. The placenta as an endocrine organ. Endocrine regulation of parturition. Hormonal control of milk secretion. Prolactin and broodiness. Osmoregulation Posterior pituitary hormone, ADH. Aldosterone and sodium balance. Angiotensin's effect on blood pressure. Atrial natriuretic peptide and its function in water and sodium balance.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the definition and natures of hormones CLO 2 explain and describe secondary messenger pathways for hormones CLO 3 describe the connection between pituitary the master gland with higher brain centers and peripheral organs CLO 4 explain and describe hormones involved in the regulation of 3 most important body functions including metabolism/growth, reproduction and water/salt homeostasis
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory	a 5-hour laboratory session per week for 5 weeks	25
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		10	CLO 2, 4
Laboratory reports	lab performance & report	20	CLO 1, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Williams textbook of Endocrinology, (Elsevier, 11th Edition, 2009). Silverthorn: Human Physiology, An Integrated Approach (Pearson, 2006, 4"' edition).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3505	**Oyster aquaculture and restoration (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	Introduce larval biology and hatchery technology; Provide scientific basis for coastal aquaculture through field demonstrations and laboratory exercises; Enable students to design, construct and maintain larval hatchery for production of seeds for aquaculture and restoration of wild oysters; Understand the reasons for restoration of marine, estuarine and coastal ecosystems; Facilitate transfer of academic knowledge to aquaculture for sustainable food production.		
Course Contents & Topics	This experiential learning course is to enhance students' knowledge in applied larval biology techniques and advanced coastal aquaculture production systems that will enable them to design, construct, operate and maintain oyster aquaculture facilities for food production and restoration of wild population. This is an interdisciplinary endeavor encompassing larval hatchery technology and aquaculture. After reading about basic oyster biology and coastal aquaculture, we will focus on hatchery technology and aquaculture. Environmental issues, legislation		

	pertaining to coastal aquaculture will also be covered using oyster farming in Hong Kong as an example. Students will learn why oyster habitat is declining in HK and would also explore scientific and management ways to restore oyster habitat. Students will be exposed to few aquaculture facilities in Hong Kong & will be taken to Penang (Malaysia) to learn practical skills of oyster farming. This course is designed to meet the needs of an expanding sustainable aquaculture in Hong Kong. Students will be exposed to a unique learning environment involving not only HKU but also teachers from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), bringing with them diverse range of expertise, culture, and learning opportunities. Career and small scale business opportunities in aquaculture industry will be discussed. Thus, students will be provided adequate knowledge & analytical capabilities for a successful career in larval biology research and aquaculture.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 examine the influence of environmental variables on larval development and recruitment, and consider the potential effects of these variables on hatchery and farming CLO 2 acquire skills and experiential learning opportunities (e.g. hands-on experiences at laboratories and farms) in oyster hatchery and farming CLO 3 explain the importance of oyster farming in coastal habitat restoration CLO 4 plan and execute a commercially important research project in larval biology and aquaculture
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103 or BIOL2306 or BIOL3301 or BIOL3303
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Evidence of original thought during the analysis of larval biology issues. Show evidence of analytical, critical and multidimensional thinking about the study subject. Extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate excellent ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the larval biology project data. Show highly effective organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
B	Show substantial knowledge and thought during the analysis of marine life science issues. Show some evidence of some analytical, critical and multidimensional thinking about the study subject. Good knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate good ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real marine life science issues. Show effective organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
C	Show general but incomplete knowledge and original thought during the analysis of marine life science issues. Fair knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate fair ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real marine life science issues. Show considerable organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
D	Evidence to show a minimum knowledge (i.e. knowledge is very incomplete) and thought during the analysis of marine life science issues. Show insufficient knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate poor ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real marine life science issues. Show very little organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
Fail	Evidence of meager or inadequate knowledge and understanding of marine life science issues. Show no evidence of knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate no ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real marine life science issues. Show no evidence of familiarity with relevant reading material and field trip demonstrations, or any knowledge of organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		25
Field work		25
Laboratory work		25
Tutorials		10
Presentation		5
Reading / Self study		20
Assessment		10

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test		25	CLO 1, 2
Assignments		25	CLO 3, 4
Report	Presentation: developing innovative ideas for sustainable and economically viable aquacultre in Hong Kong	50	CLO 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Ecology of Marine Invertebrate Larvae (Larry McEdward, CRC Press) Shellfish Aquaculture and the Environment (S.E. Shumway, John Wiley & Sons) Molluscan Shellfish Farming (Brian Spencer, John Wiley & Sons)
Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/
Additional Course Information	Taught and trained by several teachers, guest lecturers from government and aquaculture business sector; This course is offered in close collaboration with USM (Penang, Malaysia); Tentative duration: 1-15 June, 2016; In Part 1 - First 5 days at HKU for lectures, practicals and field visits - then flight to Penang to visit various oyster aquaculture facilities; Few USM (Malaysia) students may join the course; Fund for the Penang visit will be collected from students (about 6000 HKD including airfare, accommodation and selective meals for 7 days). This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers. This course will be offered in alternative year.

BIOL3506	**Evolutionary biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C Schunter, Biological Sciences *(schunter@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C Schunter,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof J D Gaitan-Espitia,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	1. The course aims to introduce students to the major themes of contemporary evolutionary biology, including the history of evolutionary biology, evolutionary processes, adaptation, speciation, and evolution as an explanatory		

	framework at all levels of biological organization. 2. The course emphasizes the interplay between theory and empirical tests of hypotheses, thus acquainting students with the process of science.
Course Contents & Topics	- Introduction to Evolutionary Biology Theory - Mechanisms of evolution - Genetics Drift - Gene Flow - Natural Selection - Sexual Selection - Speciation - Species concept - Phenotypic evolution - Evolution of genes and genomes - Evolutionary Development (Evo-Devo) - Co-Evolution
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	identify the facts on theory of evolution
CLO 2	describe Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection and how the process of natural selection can lead to speciation
CLO 3	understand mechanisms involved in the modern evolutionary theory
CLO 4	apply evolutionary thinking to real world problems in agriculture, medicine, and biodiversity conservation
CLO 5	reflect and theorize about evolutionary processes

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 Not for students who have passed in BIOL3501		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Exceptionally good performance demonstrating excellent understanding of the subject matter, extensive knowledge over a wide range of topics covered by the course, and skillful applications of concepts/theories in solving new or unfamiliar problems, showing strong abilities in critical thinking and logical reasoning, with evidence of significant insight and original thought in dealing with the critical issues in the field.
B	Good performance demonstrating capacity to use the appropriate concepts, a good understanding of the subject matter, and an ability to handle the problems and materials encountered in the subject, showing evidence of attaining most of the course learning outcomes.
C	Adequate performance demonstrating some understanding of the subject matter, an ability to handle relatively simple problems, but showing incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the expected course learning outcomes.
D	Minimally acceptable performance demonstrating at least partial familiarity with the subject matter and some capacity to deal with relatively simple problems, but also demonstrating serious deficiencies in knowledge required for attaining most of the expected course learning outcomes.
Fail	Poor performance in all aspects of the course, showing little evidence of learning, lacking real understanding of the subject matter, demonstrating deficiencies serious enough to make it inadvisable to proceed further without additional course work.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Project work		12
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	2 assignments x 30%	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	J.C. Herron and S. Freeman: Evolutionary Analysis (5th ed. Pearson, 2013) Douglas J. Futuyma: Evolution, (3rd Edition, Sinauer Associates, 2013) eBooks available
Course Website	http://moodle.hku/hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3508	**Microbial physiology and biotechnology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof A Yan, Biological Sciences *(ayan8@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof A Yan,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	Microbes are amazing and important entities on earth. Knowledge of microbes is widely applied in food, pharmaceutics, biotechnologies, diseases control, and biogeochemical processes. Microbial Physiology and Biotechnology provides both molecular basis for understanding of these important processes and up-to-date applications in modern Biotechnology, and to serve as essential foundations for sub-disciplines of Microbiology, such as environmental, food, and medicinal Microbiology. Upon completion, students will acquire fundamental knowledge about microorganisms, gain laboratory skills on methodologies for microbial studies, and be able to apply the knowledge in Microbial Biotechnologies.		
Course Contents & Topics	Serving as a course which blends fundamental knowledge about the world of microorganisms with applied Microbial Biotechnology, This course is organized and presented in three themes: 'Microbial Rules', 'Microbial Breath', and 'Microbial Biotechnology'. Under these three themes, a broad range of highly educational and interesting topics are presented including: 'Microorganisms and their position in the living world', 'Fundamental methodologies for the study of microbes', 'Microbial structures and functions', 'Microbial growth and control', 'Energy Generation', 'Central metabolism', and 'Microbial biotechnological applications in biodegradation, biofuels and synthetic biology '. Topics are taught in a coherent manner with a highly interactive tutorial session following		

	each of the topics such that students will achieve a high quality, stimulating, and problem-based learning experiences.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	appreciate the diversity of microbial metabolisms and applications in biotechnology
CLO 2	comprehend the principles underlying the dynamic nature of microbial physiology
CLO 3	gain laboratory skills on methodologies for microbial studies
CLO 4	relate knowledge to practical application of microbes in industry and medicine

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2103 or BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or BIOC3604; Not for students who have passed in BIOL3108; and Not for students who have passed in BIOL4402.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Project work		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 4
Test		20	CLO 1, 2
Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Primary Text Book: Prescott, Harley, and Klein's Microbiology, by Joanne M. Willey, Linda M. Sherwood, and Christopher J. Woolverton, published by McGraw-Hill Supplementary Reading: Brock Biology of Microorganisms, by Michael Madigan, John Martinko, Kelly Bender, Daniel Buckley, David Stahl, Pearson Publisher On-line textbook of Bacteriology: Kenneth Tobar, U. of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Bacteriology. URL (http://www.textbookofbacteriology.net/)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3602	**Sports Nutrition (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Dr H H T Cheung, Biological Sciences *(hcheung5@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr H H T Cheung,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To demonstrate evidence-based links between nutrition, exercise and sport performance. More specifically, to gain in-depth understanding about how the metabolic demands of exercise influence physiological and cognitive functions; and exercise performance. To focus on the role of major macronutrients, minerals, vitamins, antioxidants, supplements and hydration in sustaining and enhancing sports performance during short-duration, intermittent and endurance exercise		
Course Contents & Topics	Nutrition aims and requirements differ during habitual exercise and competitive sports: from endogenous adaptations to developing metabolic efficiency to competition nutrition. Professional athletes enhance their performance through appropriate nutrition. The course will firstly examine the physiological needs pre-, during and post-competition and/or habitual exercise to perform at its best. Secondly, it will investigate nutrient and energy requirements of various types of sports. Putting exercise and sports performance in focus, the topics will include: energy balance; macronutrients; selected micronutrients; fluid balance and hydration strategies; weight management in athletes, sport foods and supplements; position stands and new perspectives on sports nutrition, nutrient/energy requirements in exercise and sports, ergogenic aids and myths of sport nutrition.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	critically examine and describe the need of energy, nutrients and fluid before, during and after the physical exercise in relation to different sports, individual athletes and performance situations
CLO 2	describe the impact of dietary macronutrients, vitamins and minerals on physical performance
CLO 3	provide an overview of the position stands on major misconceptions in sports nutrition
CLO 4	access and analyze the importance of meal frequency, energy source and supplements on the performance in different sports.
CLO 5	demonstrate convincing argument for importance of balanced nutrition for sports performance and good health.

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in BIOL2220 or BIOC2600. Not for students who have passed EXSC3017 or EXSC3013 or BIOL4202.

and Impermissible combinations)				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team- based organizational and presentational skills.		
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness		
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test		20	CLO 1, 4, 5
	Assignments	Practical reports	30	CLO 1, 2
	Project reports	Project reports and oral presentation	50	CLO 1, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Most of the reading material will be provided on Moodle or given during lectures; however, do make use of the book and journal resources in HKU's libraries including: -Sport Nutrition. An introduction to Energy Production and Performance. Asker Jeukedrup & Michael Gleeson (2004). -Sports and Exercise Nutrition. William McArdle, Frank Katch, Victor Katch. (2009). -Clinical sports nutrition. Louise Burke and Vicki Deakin. 6th edition. (2021)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL3606	**Diet and disease (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	70
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences *(jettylee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J C Y Lee,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide understanding and insight into diseases associated with diet and basic dietetics, specifically to: 1. Understand the fundamental factors that contributes to human diseases 2. Describe the role of diet in the development and prevention of common chronic diseases such as diabetes obesity and anorexia, cardiovascular disease, cancer, gut and immunity. 3. Differentiate risk factors that influence dietary choice. 4. Describe the rationales for nutritional support for hospitalized patients.		
Course Contents & Topics	The basics of nutrition for health, fitness and nutrition therapy. The role of diet in the development and prevention of chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, obesity and anorexia as well as bulimia nervosa, cardiovascular diseases, gut disorder, etc and malnutrition. Nutrition and immune function and medical nutrition therapy for food intolerance will be discussed. The relationship between these diseases and ageing in terms of oxidative stress will be integrated in the topics.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	discuss the fundaments in human body that contributes to disease development	
	CLO 2	describe the role of diet in the development and prevention of diabetes, obesity and anorexia, cardiovascular disease, cancer, immune related diseases	
	CLO 3	clearly differentiate and interpret risk factors that influence dietary choice through research presentations	
	CLO 4	achieve interpersonal communication with peer students of interdisciplinary background in evaluating and recommending nutrition needs of diseased patients	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2220 or BIOC2600 or BIOL3202 or BIOL3203 or BIOL3204 or BIOL3205 Not for students who have passed in BIOL3206		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills with scientific oral literacy. Apply highly effective laboratory/fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills with scientific oral literacy. Apply effective laboratory /fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.	

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. General but incomplete grasp of the subject. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills with scientific oral literacy. Apply moderately effective laboratory / fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Partial but limited grasp of the subject, retention of some relevant information of the subject. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills with scientific oral literacy. Apply partially effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills with scientific oral literacy are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective laboratory / fieldwork skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		36
Reading / Self study		50

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Assignments	Group assignment & presentation (IPE)	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		35	CLO 1, 3, 4
Project report	Case studies: / research based	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation	Flipped lecture	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Selected readings will also be available on the class website. S. Rodwell Williams: Nutrition and Diet Therapy (7th ed.) Suitor & Hunter: Nutrition: Principles and Application in Health Promotion Wardlaw Gordon: Perspectives in Nutrition (2nd ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL3608	**Food commodities (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences *(lzhang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr L Zhang,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof J C Y Lee,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To give students a broad understanding of modern practice and technologies used in agriculture products including meat, dairy and grain production, processing and marketing.		
Course Contents & Topics	Principles of animal nutrition and feed formulation; genetic selection and breeding of farm animals; slaughter and carcass inspection; meat preservation and safety; quality of meat. Dairy processing emphasizing fermented products such as cheese and yogurt; probiotics and health effects. Grain production related to milling; dough rheology; the baking process and quality. Meat, dairy and grain product marketing.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand modern practices in meat, dairy and grain production
CLO 2	demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of meat and dairy sensory quality, and the technologies used in processing, preservation or improvement of meat and dairy products through practical and discussions
CLO 3	communicate the knowledge of selected issues related to meat and dairy safety through structured discussions, as well as engage in group debate to present evidence-based arguments and deliver rebuttals
CLO 4	understand the technology behind the production of grain-based foods
CLO 5	learn to accurately convey scientific research findings through lab reports in a well-structured and comprehensive manner

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2101 Not for students who have passed in BIOL3210; Not for students who have passed in BIOL4207; and Not for students who have passed in BIOL4208.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Laboratory			24
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Presentation and debate	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports	Discussion and evaluation with peers and teacher; writing of reports	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lawrie's Meat Science. RA Lawrie (CRC Press, 2006) Dairy Processing and Quality Assurance. RC Chandan, A Kilara, N Shah (Eds) (Blackwell, 2008) Encyclopedia of Grain Science, edited by Wrigley CW, Corke H, and Walker CE (2004)			
Course Website	http://moodle@hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	The course will be offered subjected to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teacehrs.			

BIOL3951	**Ecology & biodiversity field course (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is offered as a capstone experience and will require intense study of a topic relevant to the Ecology & Biodiversity Major during a field course, inside or outside Hong Kong.		
Course Contents & Topics	Every year a number of different potential courses may be offered. The precise contents will be tailored to best suit the topic and locality involved and will therefore vary according to the specific course being held. The basic contents will involve lectures, seminars and extensive field and follow-up laboratory work. It is essential that students contact the course coordinator for further information on the courses available.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand of the biodiversity and primary habitats in the ecosystem studied	
	CLO 2	establish the basic skills needed to identify target species associated with the field course	
	CLO 3	be knowledgeable about and able to implement sampling techniques for organisms in the particular ecosystems studied	
	CLO 4	understand the basic ecology of target species and how biotic and abiotic factors shape focal communities	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major. This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Eagerness and enthusiasm to learn and excellent familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Exemplary handling of field data collection and excellent analytical skills. Ample evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts and broader comparative perspective to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show outstanding abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level.	
	B	Evidence of a good grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Interest in learning and good-to-moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Good handling of field data collection and commendable analytical skills. Good evidence of critical thought (although not always independent), with an appreciable use of fundamental concepts and consideration of broader comparative perspective in drawing logical conclusions. Good abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with logical and analytical argumentation. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.	
	C	Demonstrate an adequate, but incomplete grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies, but no interest in learning beyond the adequate average level. Evidence of logical critical thinking (although not always independent), with mostly good use of fundamental concepts to draw logical conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.	
	D	Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but only partial and with limited understanding of relevant research concepts and research techniques. Some familiarity with relevant case studies, but insufficient evidence of background reading and limited abilities of critical independent thinking. Ineffective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation with restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level.	
	Fail	No evidence of basic a minimum grasp of the subject and the minimum relevant research techniques. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Field camps		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Field work			42
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments		35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Report	project report (35%), group investigation & presenation (30%)	65	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Students will be directed to relevant scientific literautre and websites			
Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/			
Additional Course Information	Students can choose either one of the following courses: Subclass A: Marine Mammal Field Course Subclass B: Animal Behaviour Field Course			

Enrollment Procedure:
The course is open to enrollment only during the add/drop period of the 2nd semester. Students are required to submit a brief (maximum 1-page) application letter (PDF file) via e-mail to the Course Coordinator (leszek@hku.hk) not later than 11 January 2016. The application shall include the following:
1. Personal and academic details
2. ID photograph
3. Brief description of academic interests
4. GPA
5. Pre-requisite courses taken and grades received (if pre-requisites are not met, a reasoned request for waiver)
All applications will be reviewed prior to the commencement of the 2nd semester and results will be announced within the 1st week of the add/drop period of the 2nd semester.

BIOL3991	**Directed studies in ecology & biodiversity (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S Y W Sin, Biological Sciences *(sinyw@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in E&B Major / E&B Major (Intensive) Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	Students will undertake a dissertation on a topic related to the field of ecology and biodiversity. The dissertation will not involve any practical research in terms of laboratory or fieldwork, but will take the form of a desk-top study. Conducting a dissertation is an independent learning experience and will enable students to develop skills including the use of library and Web-based resources; the logical development of scientific arguments; written presentation skills; and personal time management.		
Course Contents & Topics	An appropriate dissertation topic will be selected from a predeterminted list and following discussion with a member of Ecology & Biodiversity staff, who will act as the student's supervisor. Formal teaching will be limited and aimed at introducing students to the techniques necessary for successful completion of their dissertation.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 identify a relevant scientific question or knowledge gap		
	CLO 2 establish a desk-top literature approach to test the question posed / address the knowledge gap		
	CLO 3 undertake the appropriate research to test the question / address the knowledge gap using sound scientific principles; including statistical analyses where appropriate		
	CLO 4 communicate with supervisors to draw appropriate scientific conclusions from their research		
	CLO 5 present their research as a scientific paper		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major. This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Evidence of complete or near-complete understanding and a thorough grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of all learning outcomes. Excellent critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Well designed scientific approach to test research hypothesis. Show excellent organizational and/or analytical skills. Demonstrate comprehensive, critical, assessment of findings and professional presentation of research work.		
	B Evidence of near-complete understanding and a good grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of the majority of learning outcomes. Good critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Appropriately designed scientific approach to test research hypothesis. Show good organizational and/or analytical skills. Demonstrate effective, critical, assessment of findings and good presentation of research work.		
	C Evidence of adequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by general but incomplete attainment of most of the learning outcomes. Acceptable critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Adequately designed scientific approach to test research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills. Demonstrate adequate but not necessarily critical, assessment of findings and presentation of research work.		
	D Evidence of limited understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by incomplete attainment of many of the learning outcomes. Limited critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Poorly designed scientific approach to test research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills. Demonstrate confused and poorly organized assessment of findings and limited presentation of research work.		
	Fail Evidence of poor or inadequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter such that most of the learning outcomes are not attained. Poor critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Badly designed scientific approach to test research hypothesis. Show little evidence of appropriate organizational and/or analytical skills. Demonstrate incorrect interpretation and assessment of findings and poor presentation of research work.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Project-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Reading / Self study	at least 120 hours on the dissertation or project	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report	Continuous assessment by supervisors through discussions and evaluation of findings	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Dissertation	Written report (<10000 words)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Oral presentation		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Regular meetings between the supervisor and student. Guidance from the supervisor on the scientific methods, and on how to think and write scientifically. Students should spend at least 120 hours on the dissertation or project. Recommended reading may be assigned. Students should complete the registration form by clicking (http://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) before or after they add this course during the course selection period.

BIOL3992	**Directed studies in food & nutritional science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences *(lzhang17@hku.hk)*		

Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Food & Nutritional Science Major,School of Biological Sciences)
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide a stimulating capstone experience for all Food & Nutritional Science Major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Major.
Course Contents & Topics	The directed study can be a review of literature on a specific topic, or a lab or field study that enhances the student's understanding of the topic in the field of food & nutritional science. The student should obtain the commitment of a supervisor in the area of the dissertation topic before submitting the registration form for the course (available from the General Office of School of Biological Sciences). Supervisor will introduce various methodologies/techniques and guide students to completion of the dissertation. Teaching will be informal and students will gain knowledge through discussion and feedback from their supervisors.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 become familiar with the process of scientific enquiry CLO 2 have a better understanding of the nature of food & nutritional science through one-to-one communication with a mentor CLO 3 apply scientific methods to address important issues in various biological disciplines through a written report and oral presentation CLO 4 develop the key intellectual skills through evaluation, communicative writing, and oral presentation that will be valuable for all scientific studies
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Food & Nutritional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutritional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Work displaying a high level of scholarship and originality; virtually flawless oral presentation with excellent introduction to dissertation topic, showing a thorough grasp of the topic from background reading and analysis; clear statement of the objectives of the research; comprehensive exploration of the topic, personal synthesis of the issues with detailed support from the literature; comprehensive and up-to-date references integrated into argument or logical reasoning; critical evaluations of the main points or problems and their solutions and implications; thought-provoking discussions; accurate summary. All chapters/paragraphs in written dissertation are well-connected and presented logically with clarity of goals, demonstrating excellent organizational, rhetorical and presentational skills. The length of the dissertation meets the specified requirements. All other aspects of the dissertation conform to a high academic standard. **B** Work showing some evidence of originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem solving approaches; demonstrating substantial understanding of fundamental concepts of the field of study; adequate grasp of the topic from background reading and analysis; a systematic exploration of the topic which may include an attempt at critical comment or appraisal; regular support provided from the literature; comprehensive and up-to-date references included; main points fully elaborated; summary given in the final chapter/paragraphs; communicating information and ideas clearly and fluently, demonstrating good organizational in written dissertation and rhetorical and oral presentational skills. The length of the dissertation meets the specified requirements. Most aspects conform to a high academic standard. **C** Work showing no evidence of originality and insight, but the oral presentation demonstrated adequate understanding and comprehension of most aspects of the dissertation topic; essential topic materials have been read and acknowledged; the main points presented in logically sequential paragraphs; reasonably balanced discussion of the major issues; acceptable interpretation of the topic, some explanation, illustration and support provided from the literature; summary given in the final chapter/paragraphs; most presentation details met (front page, margin, legibility, citations correctly reported and tabulated, etc.); few typos or grammatical errors; most aspects conform to an acceptable academic standard for written dissertation. **D** Demonstrating superficial or partial or faulty understanding of the fundamental concepts of the field of study in written dissertation and oral presentation; showing the bare minimum of information, poorly digested and not very well organized in presentation; irrelevant material; showing no evidence of critical thinking; arguments undeveloped or inappropriate or unsupported; lack of clarity or structure in communicating information or ideas. Dissertation topic not fully covered; discussion too brief or just repeating the data or findings; overuse quotations with little explanation; insufficient support from literature; reading not well incorporated into the text; limited acknowledgements and light bibliography; some major points missed. The written work meets the minimum requirement of an acceptable academic standard. **Fail** The dissertation topic was not covered acceptably; demonstrating evidence of poor knowledge, clear deficiencies in understanding fundamental concepts; materials largely irrelevant; incomplete or confusing communication of information or ideas; unreflective; incoherent argument; complete misinterpretation of the topic or data; no evidence of reading (no acknowledgements or bibliography); structure confused or not discernible; Fail to meet most or all of the basic requirements of the course through written dissertation and oral presentation. The written work is not of an academic standard.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Reading / Self study	at least 120 hours on the dissertation or project	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report	Continuous assessment through one-to-one discussions and evaluation of findings with mentor; planning and drafting of the dissertation.	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Dissertation	Written report 6000-8000 words (excluding figures and references)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Oral presentation	15 minutes (Plus 5 minutes for questions and answers).	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hl/
Additional Course Information	Regular meetings between the supervisor and student. Guidance from the supervisor on the scientific methods, and on how to think and write scientifically. Students should spend at least 120 hours on the dissertation or project. Recommended reading may be assigned. Students should complete the registration form by clicking (http://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) before or after they add this course during the course selection period.

BIOL3993	**Directed studies in molecular biology & biotechnology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof. K W Y Yuen, Biological Sciences *(kwyyuen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major,School of Biological Sciences)		

Course Objectives	This course aims to provide a stimulating capstone experience for all Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Major.
Course Contents & Topics	The directed study can be a review of literature on a specific topic, or a lab or field study that enhances the student's understanding of the topic in the field of molecular biology & biotechnology. The student should obtain the commitment of a supervisor in the area of the dissertation topic before submitting the registration form for the course (available from the General Office of School of Biological Sciences). Supervisor will introduce various methodologies/techniques and guide students to completion of the dissertation. Teaching will be informal and students will gain knowledge through discussion and feedback from their supervisors.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 become familiar with the process of scientific enquiry CLO 2 have a better understanding of the nature of molecular biology and biotechnology sciences through one-to-one communication with a mentor CLO 3 apply scientific methods to address important issues in various molecular biology and biotechnology disciplines through a written report and oral presentation CLO 4 develop the key intellectual skills through evaluation, communicative writing, and oral presentation that will be valuable for all scientific studies
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major. This capstone course is for Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Work displaying a high level of scholarship and originality; virtually flawless oral presentation with excellent introduction to dissertation topic, showing a thorough grasp of the topic from background reading and analysis; clear statement of the objectives of the research; comprehensive exploration of the topic, personal synthesis of the issues with detailed support from the literature; comprehensive and up-to-date references integrated into argument or logical reasoning; critical evaluations of the main points or problems and their solutions and implications; thought-provoking discussions; accurate summary. All chapters/paragraphs in written dissertation are well-connected and presented logically with clarity of goals, demonstrating excellent organizational, rhetorical and presentational skills. The length of the dissertation meets the specified requirements. All other aspects of the dissertation conform to a high academic standard. **B** Work showing some evidence of originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem solving approaches; demonstrating substantial understanding of fundamental concepts of the field of study; adequate grasp of the topic from background reading and analysis; a systematic exploration of the topic which may include an attempt at critical comment or appraisal; regular support provided from the literature; comprehensive and up-to-date references included; main points fully elaborated; summary given in the final chapter/paragraphs; communicating information and ideas clearly and fluently, demonstrating good organizational in written dissertation and rhetorical and oral presentational skills. The length of the dissertation meets the specified requirements. Most aspects conform to a high academic standard. **C** Work showing no evidence of originality and insight, but the oral presentation demonstrated adequate understanding and comprehension of most aspects of the dissertation topic; essential topic materials have been read and acknowledged; the main points presented in logically sequential paragraphs; reasonably balanced discussion of the major issues; acceptable interpretation of the topic, some explanation, illustration and support provided from the literature; summary given in the final chapter/paragraphs; most presentation details met (front page, margin, legibility, citations correctly reported and tabulated, etc.); few typos or grammatical errors; most aspects conform to an acceptable academic standard for written dissertation. **D** Demonstrating superficial or partial or faulty understanding of the fundamental concepts of the field of study in written dissertation and oral presentation; showing the bare minimum of information, poorly digested and not very well organized in presentation; irrelevant material; showing no evidence of critical thinking; arguments undeveloped or inappropriate or unsupported; lack of clarity or structure in communicating information or ideas. Dissertation topic not fully covered; discussion too brief or just repeating the data or findings; overuse quotations with little explanation; insufficient support from literature; reading not well incorporated into the text; limited acknowledgements and light bibliography; some major points missed. The written work meets the minimum requirement of an acceptable academic standard. **Fail** The dissertation topic was not covered acceptably; demonstrating evidence of poor knowledge, clear deficiencies in understanding fundamental concepts; materials largely irrelevant; incomplete or confusing communication of information or ideas; unreflective; incoherent argument; complete misinterpretation of the topic or data; no evidence of reading (no acknowledgements or bibliography); structure confused or not discernible; Fail to meet most or all of the basic requirements of the course through written dissertation and oral presentation. The written work is not of an academic standard.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Reading / Self study / at least 120 hours on the dissertation or project / 120
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Research report / Continuous assessment through one-to-one discussion and evaluation of findings with mentor; planning and drafting of the dissertation. / 30 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Dissertation / Written report 6000-8000 words (excluding figures and references). / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Oral presentation / 15 minutes (Plus 5 minutes for questions and answers). / 20 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Regular meetings between the supervisor and student. Guidance from the supervisor on the scientific methods, and on how to think and write scientifically. Students should spend at least 120 hours on the dissertation or project. Recommended reading may be assigned. Students should complete the registration form by clicking (http://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) before or after they add this course during the course selection period.

BIOL3994	**Directed studies in biological sciences (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Wu, Biological Sciences *(jinwu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Biological Sciences Major,School of Biological Sciences)		

Course Objectives	This course aims to provide a stimulating capstone experience for all Biological Sciences Major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Major.
Course Contents & Topics	The directed study can be a review of literature on a specific topic, or a lab or field study that enhances the student's understanding of the topic in the field of biological sciences. The student should obtain the commitment of a supervisor in the area of the dissertation topic before submitting the registration form for the course (available from the General Office of School of Biological Sciences). Supervisor will introduce various methodologies/techniques and guide students to completion of the dissertation. Teaching will be informal and students will gain knowledge through discussion and feedback from their supervisors.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 become familiar with the process of scientific enquiry CLO 2 have a better understanding of the nature of biological sciences through one-to-one communication with a mentor CLO 3 apply scientific methods to address important issues in various biological disciplines through a written report and oral presentation CLO 4 develop the key intellectual skills through evaluation, communicative writing, and oral presentation that will be valuable for all scientific studies
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Biological Sciences Major. This capstone course is for Biological Sciences Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Work displaying a high level of scholarship and originality; virtually flawless oral presentation with excellent introduction to dissertation topic, showing a thorough grasp of the topic from background reading and analysis; clear statement of the objectives of the research; comprehensive exploration of the topic, personal synthesis of the issues with detailed support from the literature; comprehensive and up-to-date references integrated into argument or logical reasoning; critical evaluations of the main points or problems and their solutions and implications; thought-provoking discussions; accurate summary. All chapters/paragraphs in written dissertation are well-connected and presented logically with clarity of goals, demonstrating excellent organizational, rhetorical and presentational skills. The length of the dissertation meets the specified requirements. All other aspects of the dissertation conform to a high academic standard. **B** Work showing some evidence of originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem solving approaches; demonstrating substantial understanding of fundamental concepts of the field of study; adequate grasp of the topic from background reading and analysis; a systematic exploration of the topic which may include an attempt at critical comment or appraisal; regular support provided from the literature; comprehensive and up-to-date references included; main points fully elaborated; summary given in the final chapter/paragraphs; communicating information and ideas clearly and fluently, demonstrating good organizational in written dissertation and rhetorical and oral presentational skills. The length of the dissertation meets the specified requirements. Most aspects conform to a high academic standard. **C** Work showing no evidence of originality and insight, but the oral presentation demonstrated adequate understanding and comprehension of most aspects of the dissertation topic; essential topic materials have been read and acknowledged; the main points presented in logically sequential paragraphs; reasonably balanced discussion of the major issues; acceptable interpretation of the topic, some explanation, illustration and support provided from the literature; summary given in the final chapter/paragraphs; most presentation details met (front page, margin, legibility, citations correctly reported and tabulated, etc.); few typos or grammatical errors; most aspects conform to an acceptable academic standard for written dissertation. **D** Demonstrating superficial or partial or faulty understanding of the fundamental concepts of the field of study in written dissertation and oral presentation; showing the bare minimum of information, poorly digested and not very well organized in presentation; irrelevant material; showing no evidence of critical thinking; arguments undeveloped or inappropriate or unsupported; lack of clarity or structure in communicating information or ideas. Dissertation topic not fully covered; discussion too brief or just repeating the data or findings; overuse quotations with little explanation; insufficient support from literature; reading not well incorporated into the text; limited acknowledgements and light bibliography; some major points missed. The written work meets the minimum requirement of an acceptable academic standard. **Fail** The dissertation topic was not covered acceptably; demonstrating evidence of poor knowledge, clear deficiencies in understanding fundamental concepts; materials largely irrelevant; incomplete or confusing communication of information or ideas; unreflective; incoherent argument; complete misinterpretation of the topic or data; no evidence of reading (no acknowledgements or bibliography); structure confused or not discernible; Fail to meet most or all of the basic requirements of the course through written dissertation and oral presentation. The written work is not of an academic standard.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Reading / Self study	at least 120 hours on the dissertation or project	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report	Continuous assessment through one-to-one discussions and evaluation of findings with mentor; planning and drafting of the dissertation.	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Dissertation	Written report 6000-8000 words (excluding figures and references)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Oral presentation	15 minutes (Plus 5 minutes for questions and answers).	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Regular meetings between the supervisor and student. Guidance from the supervisor on the scientific methods, and on how to think and write scientifically. Students should spend at least 120 hours on the dissertation or project. Recommended reading may be assigned. Students should complete the registration form by clicking (http://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) before or after they add this course during the course selection period.

BIOL4201	**Public health nutrition (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Dr H H T Cheung, Biological Sciences *(hcheung5@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr H H T Cheung,School of Biological Sciences)		

Course Objectives	Public health nutrition unites social sciences and biomedical sciences in preventing disease and improving human health through programs aimed at enhancing good nutritional practices. This course presents a broad overview of the professional practice and essential skills required of a public health nutritionist.
Course Contents & Topics	Public health nutrition : overview, nature and identification of problems. Planning cycle of public health nutrition programs. Dietary assessment methods. Development of dietary guidelines and dietary reference standards The epidemiological study of diet : disease associations. Malnutrition : definitions, prevalence, public health consequences, and interventions. Food regulations and labelling. Food security Public health advocacy
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	have a broad knowledge of the scope and methodologies of public health nutrition
CLO 2	critically review and interpret public health nutrition studies in the literature
CLO 3	plan public health nutrition program according to the program planning cycle framework
CLO 4	explain the meaning and uses of Dietary Reference Intakes and dietary guidelines
CLO 5	understand the principles of dietary assessment methods, and the strengths of limitations of these methods
CLO 6	evaluate the validity and reliability of dietary assessment tools, and choose the most appropriate nutrition assessment methods for different purposes
CLO 7	understand the local and international food regulations

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	PASS in BIOL3202		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective laboratory/fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective laboratory /fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. General but incomplete grasp of the subject. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective laboratory / fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Partial but limited grasp of the subject, retention of some relevant information of the subject. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective laboratory / fieldwork skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		90

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Test	Mid-term	20	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		30	CLO 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Public Health Nutrition (The Nutrition Society Textbook Series, 2004) MJ Gibney, BM Margetts, JM Kearney, L Arab (Eds)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4202	**Nutrition and sports performance (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Dr D M Y Wu, Biological Sciences *(wudaphne@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr D M Y Wu,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To demonstrate evidence-based links between nutrition, exercise and sport performance. More specifically, to gain in-depth understanding about how the metabolic demands of exercise influence physiological and cognitive functions; and exercise performance. To focus on the role of major macronutrients, minerals, vitamins, antioxidants, supplements and hydration in sustaining and enhancing sports performance during short-duration, intermittent and endurance exercise.		

Course Contents & Topics	Nutrition aims and requirements differ during habitual exercise and competitive sports: from endogenous adaptations to developing metabolic efficiency to competition nutrition. Professional athletes enhance their performance through appropriate nutrition. The course will firstly examine the physiological needs pre-, during and post-competition and/or habitual exercise to perform at its best. Secondly, it will investigate nutrient and energy requirements of various types of sports. Putting exercise and sports performance in focus, the topics will include: energy balance; macronutrients; selected micronutrients; fluid balance and hydration strategies; weight loss and weight gain in athletes, sport foods and supplements; position stands and new perspectives on sports nutrition, nutrient/energy requirements in exercise and sports, ergogenic aids and myths of sport nutrition.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 critically examine and describe the need of energy, nutrients and fluid before, during and after the physical exercise in relation to different sports, individual athletes and performance situations CLO 2 describe the impact of dietary macronutrients, vitamins and minerals on physical performance CLO 3 provide an overview of the position stands on major misconceptions in sports nutrition. Being able to evaluate, explain and communicate current, evidence based epidemiological knowledge behind these position stands. CLO 4 access and analyze the importance of meal frequency, energy source and supplements on the performance in different sports. CLO 5 demonstrate convincing argument for importance of balanced nutrition for sports performance and good health.
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3202. Not for students who have passed EXSC3013 or EXSC3017
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team- based organizational and presentational skills **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use quality management skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test		20	CLO 1, 4, 5
Assignments	Practical reports	30	CLO 1, 2
Project reports	Project reports and oral presentation	50	CLO 1, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Most of the reading material will be provided on Moodle or given during lectures; however, do make use of the book and journal resources in HKU's libraries including: -Sport Nutrition. An introduction to Energy Production and Performance. Asker Jeukedrup & Michael Gleeson (2004). -Sports and Exercise Nutrition. William McArdle, Frank Katch, Victor Katch. (2009). -Clinical sports nutrition. Louise Burke and Vicki Deakin. 6 edition. (2021)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4204	**Diet, brain function and behavior (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	TCB, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To highlight the impact of nutrient provision on brain structure and function, and to discuss various effects of nutrition and diet on mental function and behaviour.		
Course Contents & Topics	Fundamentals of the central nervous system; Nutrition & brain development; Diet, learning & memory function; Dietary CNS stimulants; Neurotransmitters, drugs & behaviour; Physiological and socio-cultural determinants of dietary behaviour.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the basic structure and functions of the brain and how nutrition influences its development CLO 2 be able to explain the consequences of malnutrition on cognition CLO 3 Appreciate appetite control as a function of food-gut-brain interaction CLO 4 understand the differences between bioactive food ingredients and drugs CLO 5 critically evaluate and interpret the internal and external cues that determine dietary behaviour		

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3204, or already enrolled in this course
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show exceptional ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show outstanding ability to critically analyze and interpret scientific data and draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate highly effective presentation / writing skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show full ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show reasonable ability to critically analyze and interpret scientific data and draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate effective presentation / writing skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Might show misunderstanding of the materials. Show some ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Show some ability to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw proper conclusions. Demonstrate adequate organization / writing skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Misunderstanding of the materials is not uncommon. Show limited ability on knowledge integration, problem identification and solving. Use elementary approaches to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw sometimes erroneous conclusions. Demonstrate basic organization / writing skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in problem solving. Fail to integrate information and identify problems. Seriously deficient in ability to analyze and interpret scientific data and draw conclusions. Demonstrate poor organization / writing skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials	tutorials/group discussions/seminars	12
Project work	oral presentation	12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 4
Presentation		20	CLO 2, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Copper J. R., Bloom F. E. & Roth R. H.: The Biochemical Basis of Neuropharmacology. Oxford University Press, 2003 Lieberman H. R., Kanarek R. B. & Prasad C.: Nutritional Neuroscience. CRC Press, 2005 Nutritional Neuroscience (Journal) Physiology and Behavior (Journal) Appetite (Journal) Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry (Journal)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4205	**Food technology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Dr S K S Leung, Biological Sciences *(lks612@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr S K S Leung,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To equip students with advanced knowledge and practical skills in applied food preservation techniques. The course will also encompass packaging and marketing strategies for food products, ensuring students gain a comprehensive understanding of the food industry. Through hands-on experience with various food preservation methods, students will be able to develop innovative and sustainable food products.		
Course Contents & Topics	Applied Food Preservation is a multidisciplinary course that combines applied physical sciences with knowledge of product properties and requirements. This course aims to provide students with the technical knowledge and practical skills required to implement cost-effective production and preservation of food products and services. Throughout the course, We will discuss the basic technological principles and applications of methods in food preservation including those for high and low temperature processing, chemical preservation and fermentation. Marketing aspect of food products will be discussed. Students will gain practical experience in various food preservation techniques, enabling them to develop a comprehensive understanding of their applications in the food industry. By the end of the course, students will be well-equipped to create innovative food products using the knowledge and skills acquired in both practical and lectures.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the science of food preservation and its application in the food industry
CLO 2	be able to apply their knowledge and practical skills to process and develop food products with the inclusion of marketing prospects
CLO 3	demonstrate in-depth understanding of selected methods and problems in food processing and preservation

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3203
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong evidence of analytical and critical abilities of the changes that take place in variety of food during preparation, processing and storage. Identifies and uses advanced techniques and equipment for a variety of food-specific purposes. Demonstrates advance skills in designing, producing and evaluating solutions of excellent quality for specific food purposes. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities of the changes that take place in variety of food during preparation, processing and storage. Identifies and uses techniques and equipment for a variety of food-specific purposes. Demonstrates high-level skills in designing, producing and evaluating solutions of high quality for specific food purposes. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions.

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show adequate evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking of the changes that take place in variety of food during preparation, processing and storage. Identifies and uses appropriate techniques and equipment for a variety of food-specific purposes. Demonstrates adequate skills in designing, producing and evaluating solutions of sound quality for specific food purposes. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking of the changes that take place in variety of food during preparation, processing and storage. Identifies and uses basic techniques and equipment for a variety of food-specific purposes. Demonstrates basic skills in designing, producing and evaluating solutions for specific food purposes. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions occasionally.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking of he changes that take place in variety of food during preparation, processing and storage. Identifies with guidance factors and uses some appropriate techniques and equipment for a limited range of food-specific purposes. With guidance, demonstrates limited skills in designing, producing and evaluating solutions for specific food purposes. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory	laboratory/field trip/seminar	24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		40	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Food Processing Technology-Principles & Practice 3rd Ed P.J. Fellows Unit Operations in Food Processing - 2nd ed. R.L. Earle
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4207	**Meat and dairy sciences (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	TCB, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To give students a broad understanding of modern practice and technologies used in meat and dairy production, processing and marketing.		
Course Contents & Topics	Principles of animal nutrition and feed formulation; genetic selection and breeding of farm animals; slaughter and carcass inspection; meat preservation and safety; sensory quality of meat. Dairy processing emphasizing fermented products such as cheese and yogurt; probiotics and health effects. Meat and dairy product marketing.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 understand modern practices in meat and dairy production
	CLO 2 demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of meat and dairy sensory quality, and the technologies used in processing, preservation or improvement of meat and dairy products
	CLO 3 demonstrate knowledge of selected issues related to meat and dairy safety

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3201			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Examination		80	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lawrie's Meat Science. RA Lawrie (CRC Press, 2006) Dairy Processing and Quality Assurance. RC Chandan, A Kilara, N Shah (Eds) (Blackwell, 2008)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL4208	**Meat, dairy and grain sciences (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	TCB, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To give students a broad understanding of modern practice and technologies used in agriculture products including meat, dairy and grain production, processing and marketing.		
Course Contents & Topics	Principles of animal nutrition and feed formulation; genetic selection and breeding of farm animals; slaughter and carcass inspection; meat preservation and safety; sensory quality of meat. Dairy processing emphasizing fermented products such as cheese and yogurt; probiotics and health effects. Grain production related to milling; dough rheology; the baking process and quality. Meat, dairy and grain product marketing.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand modern practices in meat, dairy and grain production		
	CLO 2 demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of meat and dairy sensory quality, and the technologies used in processing, preservation or improvement of meat and dairy products		
	CLO 3 demonstrate knowledge of selected issues related to meat and dairy safety		
	CLO 4 understand the technology behind the production of grain-based foods		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3201 or (BIOL2101 and any level 3 BIOL course); and Not for students who have passed in BIOL3210; and Not for students who have passed in BIOL4207		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours**		
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Reading / Self study		100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**		
	Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lawrie's Meat Science. RA Lawrie (CRC Press, 2006) Dairy Processing and Quality Assurance. RC Chandan, A Kilara, N Shah (Eds) (Blackwell, 2008) Encyclopedia of Grain Science, edited by Wrigley CW, Corke H, and Walker CE (2004)		
Course Website	http://moodle@hku.hk		
Additional Course Information	The course will be offered subjected to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teacehrs.		

BIOL4209	**Functional foods (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Dr L Zhang, Biological Sciences *(lzhang17@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr L Zhang,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a fundamental understanding of the rapidly emerging functional food/nutraceutical industry with an emphasis on the history, regulation, chemical basis and quality control of healthy ingredients/products and their effects on human health.		
Course Contents & Topics	Concept, history and global regulation of functional foods and nutraceuticals; classification of functional foods and nutraceuticals based on their chemical structures; unsaturated fatty acids, proteins, food pigments and dietary fibers as healthy food ingredients; health benefits of dietary phenolics, terpenes, phytosterols and sulphur-		

	containing compounds; probiotics and prebiotics; small berries, spices, teas and herbs for health; quality control and assurance of functional foods and nutraceuticals.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the definition and global regulation of functional foods and nutraceuticals
CLO 2	have substantial chemical knowledge of functional food and nutraceutical products
CLO 3	be able to describe examples of functional foods and interpret critically their claimed health benefits
CLO 4	demonstrate understanding of the current functional food and nutraceutical industry
CLO 5	understand major techniques and technologies for quality control and manufacturing of healthy products

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3202
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use knowledge to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use knowledge to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use knowledge to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use knowledge to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use knowledge ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials	tutorials/seminars	12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		40	CLO 2, 3, 4, 5
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		30	CLO 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R. E. C. Wildman: Handbook of Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods (CRC Press, 2007) C. M. Hasler: Regulation of Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals: a Global Perspective (IFT Press, 2005)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4210	**Food product development (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To introduce the key concepts and techniques used in food product development. To provide small group experience in the design, development and production of a new food product.		
Course Contents & Topics	History and future of the food industry; industrial product development process; idea generation and prototype development for new food products; quality management and legal protection; marketing strategies; food labeling; food package design; new product development for different food industries.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the food product development cycle
CLO 2	know the key steps in new product development
CLO 3	demonstrate enhanced insight and understanding of current and future trends in the food industry
CLO 4	have professional level practical experience in new product development
CLO 5	know the main characteristics of different sectors of the food industry

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3203 or BIOL4205
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.

	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Laboratory and workshop course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Laboratory		48
	Group work	80-100 hours group project work	100
	Tutorials	10 lectures + 12 tutorials	22
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	assessment of group product development project including in-class presentation	80	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	A. L. Brody and J. B. Lord: Developing New Food Products for a Changing Marketplace (CRC Press, 2007) E. Graf and I. S. Saguy: Food Product Development (Avi Books, 1991) G. W. Fuller: New Food Product Development (CRC Press, 2005)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4301	**Fish and fisheries (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	- to acquaint students with the principles governing interrelationships among fishes as well as with biotic and abiotic aspects of their environment for an understanding of population dynamics and multispecies interactions. - to provide an understanding of how species diversity and selected aspects of their life history are relevant to fishery management challenges, sustainable supply of seafood, and the conservation of threatened species. - to cover the theoretical and practical aspects of marine fisheries management, fish farming and fish conservation using local, regional and global examples		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to course: phylogenetic, biological and ecological concepts and adaptation. Multispecies interactions in marine and freshwater fish assemblages. Fishery theory; how do fisheries work? Status of the world's capture fisheries; fish stock assessment and fishery management practices using local, regional and global examples. The roles of mariculture and capture fisheries for seafood supply and relationship to capture fisheries. Fishery management and fish conservation. Conclusion: fish biodiversity and fishery production; ethics of fish research and exploitation; climate change and the future of fish and fisheries.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
CLO 1	understand the basis of fish species diversity in relation to phylogenetic, ecological and biological factors
CLO 2	appreciate the direct and indirect impacts and consequences of human activities on fish species and species assemblages and implications for seafood security
CLO 3	understand of the functioning of fisheries and standards of fisheries assessment, development and management
CLO 4	appreciate the mutual dependency of humans with fished populations in relation to their long-term sustainability
CLO 5	enhance the ability for critical and synthetic thinking and to consider innovative approaches to research and management

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3301 or BIOL3303		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, ability to integrate and synthesize information, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective presentational skills. Strong evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, integration of materials and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate effective presentational skills. Evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective presentational skills. Little evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities and little attempt at integration. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited effectiveness in presentational skills. Lack of attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Field work	Field, laboratory, practical and tutorials		36
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		10	CLO 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Hart P. J. B. & Reynolds J. D. (eds): Handbook of Fish Biology and Fisheries (Volumes 1 & 2, Blackwell Science Ltd, 2002) G. Helfman, B. Collette and D. Facey: The Diversity of Fishes (Blackwell Science, 1997)			
Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/			
Additional Course Information	Offer in alternate year from 2017--2018 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL4302	**Environmental impact assessment (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Wu, Biological Sciences *(jinwu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C H Hau,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof B Russell,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof J Wu,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce the general principles, processes, techniques, current practices and problems of environmental impact assessment (EIA).		
Course Contents & Topics	Background and history of EIA development. Concept of carrying capacity and precautionary principle. EIA legislation. Processes in conducting EIA. Risk assessment and management. Mitigatory measures and remediation. Cost benefit analysis. Socio-economic perspectives and analysis. Project monitoring and audit. Common techniques employed in EIA (e.g. matrix, sequence diagram, causal chain analysis, modeling). Modern EIA instruments (environmental liability, environmental insurance and environmental share). Application of EIA in environmental management. Case studies. Role play exercise.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the EIA procedures and requirements in different places, especially Hong Kong CLO 2 appreciate the multidisciplinary nature of EIA CLO 3 realise the difficulties and challenges of public involvement in EIA processes CLO 4 conduct an appraisal of EIA reports in the HK EIA system		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (BIOL2103 or BIOL2306); and (ENVS3004 or any BIOL3XXX course)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, ability to integrate and synthesize information, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective presentational skills. Strong evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, integration of material sand ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate effective presentational skills. Evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective presentational skills. Little evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities and little attempt at integration. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited effectiveness in presentational skills. Lack of attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking. **Fail** Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Field work	field trip / tutorials		24
	Reading / Self study	student center learning		70
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	2 assignments (40% each)	80	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	J. Glasson, R. Therivel & A. Chadwick: Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessment, (London: Routledge, 2005) HKSAR Government: Technical Memorandum for Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Hong Kong: HKSAR Government, 1998) References: To be provided in classes			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	The course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL4303	Animal behaviour (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	Quota	30
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives

This course teaches students the ways and means of exploring and understanding animal behaviour; it provides insights into a field of science that investigates everything animals do, including the underlying mechanisms and functions of specific behaviours; the ways in which animals interact with each other, with their physical environment and other organisms; how animals find and defend resources, avoid predators, choose mates, reproduce, and care for their young; how complex animal societies are formed and how behaviour of an individual affects the structure of a population.

Course Contents & Topics

This course will introduce students to scientific reasoning and conceptual basis of an understanding of animal behaviour and behavioural ecology. What causes specific behaviour and what are the underlying mechanisms? How does behaviour develop within the individual's lifetime and what functions does it serve? For example; why are some species monogamous while others are polygamous? What makes one organism the hunter and another the hunted? Several animal species, including humans, tend to live in groups; social life is among the most complex and effective survival strategy. However, how could, for instance, the birth of sterile castes, like in bees, be explained through an evolving mechanism which emphasizes the reproductive success of as many individuals as possible? Why, among animals living in small groups like squirrels, would an individual risk its own life to save the rest of the group? In this course, based upon ecological and evolutionary principles, students will learn to think within the paradigm of behavioural ecology and understand the causes, functions, development, and evolution of behaviour. We will discuss several classical studies that form the foundation of this field, as well as more recent research that represents the current concepts which have led to modern understanding of animal behaviour. We will also illustrate the links between the recent extraordinary advances in behavioural ecology and socio-ecology with their application in animal conservation.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	learn to appreciate the causes, functions, development, and evolution of animal behaviour
CLO 2	appreciate the complexity of interactions between environmental selective pressures and animal behaviour
CLO 3	appreciate current theories that form basis for modern understanding of animal behaviour
CLO 4	learn the scientific reasoning and methodology in the field of Animal Behaviour
CLO 5	think analytically in terms of behavioural ecology, animal socio-behavioural complexity, and how the understanding of species' behaviour contributes to its conservation

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Pass in BIOL2306; and
Pass in one of the following courses: BIOL3301, BIOL3313, BIOL3319, BIOL3320 or BIOL3419
Not for students who have passed in BIOL3101

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	Examination	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject in a broader comparative perspective as demonstrated by background reading and excellent use of named examples and case studies. Evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show eagerness to learn, great abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level.
B	Evidence of a good grasp of the subject as demonstrated by some background reading and appropriate use of named examples and some case studies. Evidence of good critical thought, although not necessarily original. Good and very good (but not outstanding) abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with good analytical and logical argumentation. Good general command of acquired knowledge to draw meaningful and logical conclusions. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.
C	Demonstrate an adequate, but not coherent and incomplete grasp of the subject, with limited background reading and limited use of named examples and case studies. Some abilities of logical critical thinking, but not insightful and/or independent; only partial abilities to use acquired knowledge and work independently to draw meaningful conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.
D	Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but partial and limited to the most basic concepts, examples, and limited (or none) case studies. Insufficient evidence of background reading, limited abilities of critical independent thinking, and not particularly effective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation and restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level.
Fail	No evidence of basic minimum knowledge and understanding of the subject. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.

Communication-intensive Course

N

Course Type

Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory	including field trips, site visits, interactive practical/visual sessions, classroom debates	32
Project work	project work review	8
Reading / Self study		60

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		45	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	active participation/continuous assessment/presentation	55	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials

Bolhuis J.J. & Giraldeau L.A. The Behavior of Animals: Mechanisms, Function, and Evolution (Blackwell Publishing 2005)
Danchin E., Giraldeau L-A. & Cezilly F. Behavioural Ecology (Oxford University Press 2008)
Dugatkin L.A. Principles of Animal Behavior (2nd edition) (W.W. Norton & Company 2009)
Breed M.D. & Moore J. (eds). Encyclopedia of Animal Behavior (Academic Press 2010)

Course Website

http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc

Additional Course Information

This course is offered in alternate year.
This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4304	Ecosystem functioning and services (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025

Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B Russell, Biological Sciences *(brussell@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B Russell,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course will introduce the functioning of terrestrial, fresh water and marine ecosystems and the services which they provide human populations. The concept of ecosystem services will be further expanded into "value", including financial, cultural, social and, importantly, the intrinsic value that may be priceless. We will also explore how human activities degrade these ecosystem services and how protecting ecosystems and biodiversity can increase the ecosystem services supplied to humans.		
Course Contents & Topics	Natural ecosystems provide trillions of dollars' worth of ecosystem services to humans every year. Many of these services go unrecognized and undervalued. In fact, because humans rely on ecosystems many of these services may be priceless. This course will first cover the function of different ecosystems from terrestrial, fresh water and marine environments. Students will then be introduced to the concept of ecosystem services and what they provide to human populations. Finally, human activities which degrade ecosystems and reduce the extent that ecosystems can provide these services, and what that means for human populations, will be covered. Students will develop independent and creative thinking when proposing solutions to the question of how to value ecosystems for their inherent properties rather than perceived monetary value.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	Demonstrate an understanding of the complexity and function of ecosystems	
	CLO 2	Explain how ecosystems provide services which humans use	
	CLO 3	Demonstrate knowledge on methods used to calculate the value of ecosystem services	
	CLO 4	Demonstrate knowledge on the limits to the methods used to calculate the value of ecosystems and the dangers of placing a value on nature	
	CLO 5	Demonstrate an understanding of how human activities reduce the function of ecosystems and reduces ecosystem services	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in one of the following courses: BIOL3301 or BIOL3303 or BIOL3313 or BIOL3319 or ENVS3019 or ENVS3004 or ENVS3020		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Eagerness and enthusiasm to learn and excellent familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Exemplary handling of field data collection and excellent analytical skills. Ample evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts and broader comparative perspective to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show outstanding abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level.	
	B	Evidence of a good grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Interest in learning and good-to-moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Good handling of field data collection and commendable analytical skills. Good evidence of critical thought (although not always independent), with an appreciable use of fundamental concepts and consideration of broader comparative perspective in drawing logical conclusions. Good abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with logical and analytical argumentation. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.	
	C	Demonstrate an adequate, but incomplete grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies, but no interest in learning beyond the adequate average level. Evidence of logical critical thinking (although not always independent), with mostly good use of fundamental concepts to draw logical conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.	
	D	Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but only partial and with limited understanding of relevant research concepts and research techniques. Some familiarity with relevant case studies, but insufficient evidence of background reading and limited abilities of critical independent thinking. Ineffective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation with restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level.	
	Fail	No evidence of basic a minimum grasp of the subject and the minimum relevant research techniques. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		70

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Students will be directed to relevant scientific literature and websites
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Offer in alternate year from 2016-2017 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4401	**Medical microbiology and applied immunology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C G Zheng, Biological Sciences *(cgzheng@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof A Yan,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof B L Lim,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof C G Zheng,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The objective is to provide students the knowledge on the practical applications of immunology and microbiology in biological research, clinical analysis and disease diagnosis.		
Course Contents & Topics	Application of antigen-antibody interaction in advanced research such as chromatin. immunoprecipation assay, co-immunoprecipitation and dual immunofluorescence analysis. Principles of flow cytometry and its application.		

	Tumor immunology and immunotherapy such as FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitor immunotherapy and chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy. Microbial pathogens and associated diseases, host immune response, antimicrobial agents and multidrug resistance, epidemiology and prevention of microbial infections. Clinical laboratory analysis in haematology, chemical pathology, and clinical microbiology. The application of these testing methods in the diagnosis of disease associated with major systems of the human body and the diagnosis of infectious diseases.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apply the principles of antigen-antibody interaction in various advanced research techniques CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge on microbial pathogens, mechanisms for their disease-causing, and principles of antibiotic development CLO 3 understand the scientific principles of various clinical laboratory analyses CLO 4 promote public attention on control of microbial infection and the spread of antibiotic resistance
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3401
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		20
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be announced in class
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4402	**Microbial biotechnology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is intended for students who would like to understand the application of modern microbiology in biotechnology. The microbial systems being used include different types of viruses, bacteria, fungi and algae. At the end of the course the students are expected to know the parameters and conditions that affect the yield of production and the systems available for the expression of vaious types of biotechnology products.		
Course Contents & Topics	Upstream and downstream processing will be briefly described to equip the students with the background for microbial biotechnology. The latest advances in microbial expression systems using viruses, bacteria, yeasts and algae will be reviewed. Specific examples on the use of these systems will be provided. These include but not limited to production of recombinant vaccines, secondary metabolites, food and food additives, industrial enzymes and biopesticides as well as bioremediation and medical diagnostics.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain the fundamental biochemical concepts underlying the industrial production of selected microbial biotechnology products CLO 2 understand the importance of the current recombinant technology for large-scale manufacturing of various protein products CLO 3 describe the major expression systems, understand their purposes, advantages, and disadvantages CLO 4 deliver a professional group presentation on a self-decided topic related to microbial biotechnology		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in BIOL3401		

and Impermissible combinations)	
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate deep understanding of the subject. Demonstrate integration of the full range of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Illustrate insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Demonstrate general integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Illustrate critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Demonstrate some partial integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Illustrate use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate limited knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Show limited integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Show little or no or inapt integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Show limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		30
	Tutorials	including group presentations	18
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	A. N. Glazer and H. Nikaido: Microbial Biotechnology: Fundamentals of Applied Microbiology (W. H. Freeman & Co., 1995) A. L. Demain, J. E. Davies, R. M. Atlas, G. Cohen, C. L. Hershberger, W-S. Hu, D.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

BIOL4409	**General virology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W B L Lim, Biological Sciences *(bllim@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof W B Lim,School of Biological Sceinces)		
Course Objectives	This Course provides the fundamental principles of virology so that students can understand the pathogenesis of major viral diseases that affect animal health. The course will prepare students for profession or graduate work in virology, medicine and biotechnology.		

Course Contents & Topics

Fundamental Virology
1. Classification and Nomenclature of Viruses
2. Virus structure: Capsid symmetry, Icosahedral symmetry
3. Virus structure: Genetic Materials, Nucleocapsid, Envelope
4. Virus entry: Receptors, uncoating and fusion
5. Virus-Cell interaction
6. RNA viruses: Genome replication and mRNA production
7. Baltimore Class IV (+) s.s. RNA viruses: Picornaviruses
8. Baltimore Class V (-) s.s. RNA viruses: Myxoviruses
9. Ambisense RNA viruses: Bunyaviruses and Arenaviruses
10, 11. Baltimore Class VI (+) s.s. RNA viruses: Retroviruses
12. Baltimore Class III d.s. RNA viruses: Reoviruses
13, 14. Baltimore Class I d.s. DNA viruses: Adenoviruses, Herpesviruses
15. Baltimore Class II s.s. (+) DNA viruses: Parvoviruses
16. Mechanisms of Viral Oncogenesis
17. Anti-viral treatments
18. Viruses as Tools in Medicine and Biotechnology

Practical Virology
19. Specimen Collection, Transportation and Processing, Quality Assurance & Laboratory Safety
20. Virus isolation, propagation and titration
21, 22. Virus Identification: Immunocytochemical assays, ELISA, Complement Fixation Assay, Hemagglutination and HI assays
23, 24. Neutralization assay and Antiviral assay

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	be familiar with virus classification and the modes of replication and transmission of various viral families
CLO 2	gain hand-on experiences on common virological techniques
CLO 3	carry out researches on virology after taking this course

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3401 or BIOL3403
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical skills and competent ability to acquire knowledge on new development of the subject. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.

	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical skills and adequate ability to acquire knowledge on new development of the subject. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical skills and certain ability to acquire knowledge on new development of the subject. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of limited analytical skills and ability to acquire knowledge on new development of the subject. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical skills and ability to acquire knowledge on new development of the subject. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test		30	CLO 1, 3
Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Virology: Molecular Biology and pathogenesis (2010) L. C. Norkin, ASM Press. Principles of Virology (2009) S.J. Flint, ASM Press. Basic Virology (2008) E.K. Wagner. Blackwell.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Offer in alternate year from 2017-2018 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4411	**Plant and food biotechnology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	85
Course Co-ordinator	Prof P Wang, Biological Sciences *(pwang1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof P Wang,School of Biological Sciences)		

Course Objectives

This course covers the principles and key concepts of plant and food biotechnology and its applications in increasing global food supply. The significances of biotechnology in agriculture and food production, and the emerging importance of plant biotechnology in molecular farming for the production of biopharmaceuticals and other high-value proteins will be discussed. The course will also provide an insight on the real-life applications of plant and food biotechnology.

Course Contents & Topics

- Genetic improvements in agriculture.
  Transgenic crops in global food production.
- Tools in plant genetic engineering: promoters and marker genes.
- Techniques in plant gene transfer: Agrobacterium-mediated transformation, biolistics and microinjection.
- Nuclear and plastid transformation.
- Gene silencing in plants. Genetic manipulation of commercially useful biosynthetic pathways in crops.
  Extending shelf-life of fruits. Prevention of enzymatic browning of potato tubers.
  Genetically-engineered biofortified foods: provitamin A-enriched rice, omega-3-enriched soy and high-anthocyanin tomatoes.
- Biotechnology in plant pest and disease management:
  Producing crops resistant to phytopathogens and pests. Genome editing.
  Short-interfering RNAs in gene silencing to defend against plant viruses.
  Protecting crops in the field using the Bt toxin.
  Pest-resistant genetically-transformed seeds using the alpha-amylase inhibitor
- Herbicide-resistant crops.
- Plants as bioreactors for molecular farming: transgenic and transplastomic plants for producing recombinant biopharmaceutical proteins.
  Biodegradable plastics. Biofuels.
- Genetically-modified crops and food products: regulation, testing and labelling.
- Status of GM food in North America, Europe and Hong Kong.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	acquire key concepts in plant and food biotechnology and basic laboratory techniques in plant biotechnology
CLO 2	gain insight into real-life applications in plant and food biotechnology
CLO 3	develop scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3211 or BIOL3401		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough and complete mastery of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining the learning outcomes in Plant and Food Biotechnology. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations in plant biotechnology. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes in plant biotechnology. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, accompanied with limited analytical and critical skills. Show limited ability to

		apply knowledge in plant biotechnology. Show limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Fail to demonstrate command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. No evidence in ability to apply knowledge in plant biotechnology. Ineffective organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory	practical/laboratory/project	30
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Chrispeels, M.J. and D.E. Sadava. Plants, genes, and agriculture. Jones and Bartlett. E-reserves (HKU Library) Lecture notes on Moodle
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Core in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major An advanced elective course in FNS Major

BIOL4415	**Healthcare biotechnology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	70
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K W Y Yuen, Biological Sciences *(kwyyuen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J W Zhang,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof. K W Y Yuen,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course discusses the key concepts and principles involved in healthcare biotechnology, and their applications in molecular medicine.		
Course Contents & Topics	Genetic biotechnology in animals (transgenics, knockouts and other related technologies): Transgenic animals as models in the study of human diseases, as bioreactors for the production of hormones, antibiotics and vaccines and organs for xenotransplantation. Advanced molecular biology techniques related to human and animal science basic research, disease diagnosis and development of new therapies. These include but not limited to: applications of DNA technologies in diagnostic medicine and forensic science; tissue engineering. An overview of the drug development process, with a focus on the early-stage, preclinical drug discovery, drug target identification, high-throughput assay development, and screening of chemical libraries (synthetic and natural products). The concept of individualized medicine will also be discussed.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 describe key concepts in genetic biotechnology and human health
	CLO 2 acquire and apply advanced laboratory techniques essential to biotechnology
	CLO 3 develop scientific inquiry and critical thinking skills to understand, analyze, and evaluate problems in order to develop solutions
	CLO 4 gain insight into real-world applications in healthcare biotechnology

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3401 or BIOL3408		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational skills. Writings consistently demonstrate informed, thoughtful intellectual engagement with broad range of relevant concepts.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational skills. Writings mostly demonstrate informed, thoughtful intellectual engagement with broad range of relevant concepts.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational skills. Writings mostly indicate informed, intellectual engagement with concepts or theories but not always with sufficient depth, breadth or understanding.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational skills. Writings indicate some intellectual engagement with concepts or theories but mostly at a superficial level.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Writings reveal an absence of intellectual engagement with concepts or theories. Writings are irrelevant or superficial.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials	tutorials/assignments/computer sessions	6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 3, 4
	Test		15	CLO 1, 3
	Assignments		15	CLO 1, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	- Textbook of Drug Design and Discovery (Krogsgaard-Larsen, Liljefors, and Madsen, Taylor & Francis, 2002) - Human Molecular Genetics (Strachan and Read, Garland Science, 2010) - Suggested readings for each topic will be provided.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Moodle

BIOL4416	**Stem cells and regenerative biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J W Zhang, Biological Sciences *(jzhang1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J W Zhang,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce the current understanding in regenerative biology and stem cell biology at the cellular and molecular level, and to present the interconnection between these biological events.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will discuss cutting-edge research in (i) regenerative and stem cell biology: - the basic characteristics of stem cells - the molecular and genetic control of cell fate specification and differentiation - embryonic and adult stem cells - experimental inducible pluripotent stem cells and tissue engineering - therapeutics potentials for stem cell technology - ethical issues in stem cell research (ii) aging and longevity: - model systems used for aging and life-span studies - cellular and molecular biology of aging - telomeres and cellular senescence - genomic stability, DNA mutations and repair - mitochondrial defects and oxidative stress - genetic aging diseases - genetic ,biochemical and metabolic pathways involved in longevity		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	appreciate the complex regulations of cell potency and cell differentiation	
	CLO 2	describe the characteristics of stem cells and the different types of stem cells	
	CLO 3	describe applications of stem cell research, and understand ethical concerns involved	
	CLO 4	describe the cellular mechanisms and pathways underlying stem cell regeneration	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC3601 or BIOC3604 or BIOL3211 or BIOL3401 or BIOL3402 or BIOL3403 or BIOL3404 or BIOL3408		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough and complete mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be confirmed
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Offer in alternate year from 2017-2018 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4417	**'Omics' and systems biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025

Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J W Zhang, Biological Sciences *(jzhang1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J W Zhang,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	Recent progress in high-throughput omics technology has revolutionized the biological research. Genome-wide profiling of various biomolecules simultaneously by omics technology generates huge amounts of data, providing the potential to obtain a global and holistic view of the system. This course aims to introduce the technologies of Omics and Systems Biology, and overview of various applications of omics technology. Synthetic biology is set to be the heart of future economy, promising to create new drugs, industrial materials and energy sources similar to chemical synthesis. The significance of this field has been promoted by the worldwide synthetic biology competition organized by MIT, i.e., iGEM competition. In this course, we will introduce some innovative ideas in synthetic biology and practice the skills needed for iGEM competition.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course covers various OMICS techniques with special focus on sequence alignment, next generation sequencing, computational modeling, and statistic programming. This course will also provide students hands-on experience in large scale data analysis, and experiment methodologies involved in: Systems biology and functional genomics - the study of the interactome/network between components of a biological system, and modeling to discover the integrated function and emergent properties of that system; Synthetic biology- the design and building of synthetic protocells using basic biochemical building blocks from scratch.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	explain the conceptual differences between 'Omics'/Systems Biology studies and traditional one-gene approach, and discuss the pros and cons of both approaches	
	CLO 2	describe common methodologies used in iGEM and Synthetic biology	
	CLO 3	describe basic analytical methods, and access database resources generated in major 'Omics' studies	
	CLO 4	describe how 'Omics' data are used in Systems Biology to understand the integrated functions of the system	
	CLO 5	identify questions that can be addressed by 'Omics' and Synthetic Biology studies	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC3601 or BIOC3604 or BIOL3211 or BIOL3401 or BIOL3402 or BIOL3403 or BIOL3404 or BIOL3408		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough and complete mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments		50	CLO 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBA
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4451	**Cetacean behaviour, ecology and conservation: field research experience (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	12
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course offers an exciting experiential learning opportunity through hands-on experience in field research into behavioural ecology and conservation of free-ranging cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises). It provides students with a fundamental knowledge, skills, and the appreciation of what it takes to design, implement, and effectively run field studies in cetacean ecology, behaviour and conservation, and similar studies of other large and mobile marine vertebrates.		
Course Contents & Topics	Field-based studies of cetaceans have been rapidly evolving in recent years. There are many exciting new developments that allow researchers to tackle previously unexplored avenues of research. However, the primary component of cetacean studies, the direct contact with free-ranging animals out at sea, in their natural environment and on their terms remains unchanged; both challenging and fascinating. This course, conducted in a field research site outside Hong Kong, will expose students to various aspects of cetacean field studies, from the definition of a research question to project design, and to various stages of data collection and analyses. Students will learn a		

	suite of research techniques, and will exercise their skills in data processing and interpretation. The emphasis will be on delphinid behavioural ecology and conservation applications; students will be guided through the scientific reasoning and methodology, and will develop an understanding how individual projects can contribute to advancing science and benefiting broader conservation management efforts. The course includes lectures, informal discussions of current research and recent discoveries, review of innovative research techniques, and extensive field component with sea-based research surveys performed daily (weather permitting). Following the field-based activities, students are required to write an independent report describing the learning outcome of the course.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand of the biodiversity and primary habitats in the ecosystem studied CLO 2 establish the basic skills needed to identify target species associated with the field course CLO 3 be knowledgeable about and able to implement sampling techniques for organisms in the particular ecosystems studied CLO 4 understand the basic ecology of target species and how biotic and abiotic factors shape focal communities
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least one of the following courses: BIOL3101, BIOL3301, BIOL3313 or BIOL3320. This experiential field course is primarily for Ecology & Biodiversity Major students. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this experiential course is their year 3 study; and because it is conducted in early June, this course is best suited for year 3 students.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Eagerness and enthusiasm to learn and excellent familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Exemplary handling of field data collection and excellent analytical skills. Ample evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts and broader comparative perspective to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show outstanding abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level. **B** Evidence of a good grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Interest in learning and good-to-moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Good handling of field data collection and commendable analytical skills. Good evidence of critical thought (although not always independent), with an appreciable use of fundamental concepts and consideration of broader comparative perspective in drawing logical conclusions. Good abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with logical and analytical argumentation. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level. **C** Demonstrate an adequate, but incomplete grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies, but no interest in learning beyond the adequate average level. Evidence of logical critical thinking (although not always independent), with mostly good use of fundamental concepts to draw logical conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level. **D** Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but only partial and with limited understanding of relevant research concepts and research techniques. Some familiarity with relevant case studies, but insufficient evidence of background reading and limited abilities of critical independent thinking. Ineffective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation with restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level. **Fail** No evidence of basic a minimum grasp of the subject and the minimum relevant research techniques. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures	lectures and tutorials	12
Field work		80
Presentation	interactive debates	10
Reading / Self study		100
Assessment	group projects	12

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments		35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Report	project report (35%), group investigation & presenation (30%)	65	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Mann, J., Connor, R.C., Tyack, P.L., Whitehead, H. (eds.) 2000. Cetacean societies: Field studies of dolphins and whales. Chicago University Press. Boyd, I.L., Bowen, W.D., Iverson, S.J. (eds). 2010. Marine Mammal Ecology and Conservation: A Handbook of Techniques. Oxford University Press.
Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/
Additional Course Information	Enrollment Procedure: The course is open to enrollment only during the add/drop period of the 2nd semester. Students are required to submit a brief (maximum 1-page) application letter (PDF file) via e-mail to the Course Coordinator (leszek@hku.hk) not later than 10th January. The application shall include the following: 1. Personal and academic details 2. ID photograph 3. Brief description of academic interests 4. GPA 5. Pre-requisite courses taken and grades received (if pre-requisites are not met, a reasoned request for waiver) All applications will be reviewed prior to the commencement of the 2nd semester and results will be announced within the 1st week of the add/drop period of the 2nd semester.

BIOL4501	**Molecular phylogenetics and evolution (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	25
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	The purpose of this course is to provide a comprehensive overview of state-of-the-art molecular systematics and phylogenetic research, focusing on in depth coverage of the latest techniques. The treatment of theoretical issues in formal lectures is coupled with practical workshops. - acquisition of the sequences from the databases - DNA and protein sequence assembly and alignment - phylogeny reconstruction using parsimony, distance based, and maximum likelihood approaches		

	- introduction to relevant software for phylogenetics - methods for the evaluation of phylogene trees
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to molecular systematics and phylogenetics. Tree of life. Obtaining, storing and archiving specimens and tissue samples for use in molecular studies. Sources of molecular data, experimental design for molecular studies, taxon sampling and marker choice. Overview of basic laboratory methods for data collection (DNA isolation, PCR, DNA sequencing). Sequence editing and aligning; utilizing public sequence databases. Estimation of nucleotide polymorphism and diversity. Methods for phylogeny reconstruction: parsimony, distance methods, maximum likelihood, Bayesian methods. Statistical methods for the evaluation of phylogenetic trees. Software for phylogeny reconstruction. Molecular markers in conservation and ecological genetics. Phylogenies for different organisms. Biogeography vs. phylogeography using molecular data.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the fundamental principles of molecular phylogenetics CLO 2 understand the purposes each method is used for and be able to choose the most appropriate method(s) for the analysis of given data CLO 3 understand the advantages and disadvantages of the methods CLO 4 acquire practical skills for the analysis of molecular data
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3401 or BIOL3408
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge and an advanced level of skills sufficient for achieving all the goals and expected learning outcomes of the course. Show deep understanding of the course subject. Excellent ability to efficiently combine and apply the relevant theories, principles, and methods taught in the course. Advanced skills in possession and application of the methods and software for evolutionary analysis of real data. Excellent ability to collect, systematize, analyze and critically evaluate data from various sources and to quote them appropriately. Excellent presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate good knowledge and good level of skills sufficient for accomplishing most of the goals and expected learning outcomes of the course. Demonstrate good understanding of the course subject. Show good ability to combine and to apply theories, principles, and methods taught in the course. Substantial skills in possession and application of the methods and software for molecular evolutionary analysis of real data. Show good ability to collect, systematize, analyze and critically evaluate data from various sources and to quote them appropriately. Good presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate basic knowledge and basic level of skills sufficient for accomplishing most of the goals and expected learning outcomes of the course. Demonstrate general understanding of the subject. Show some ability to combine and to apply theories, principles and methods taught in the course. Basic skills in possession and application of the methods and software for molecular evolutionary analysis of real data. Show general ability to collect, systematize, analyze and evaluate data from various sources and to quote them appropriately. Basic presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate incomplete knowledge and weak skills sufficient for accomplishing only some of the goals and expected learning outcomes of the course. Demonstrate poor understanding of the subject, Show poor ability to combine and to apply theories, principles, and methods taught in the course. Limited skills in possession and application of the methods and software for molecular evolutionary analysis of real data. Show poor ability to collect data from various sources, to systematize, analyze and evaluate them appropriately. Poor presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate poor or no knowledge and skills required for accomplishing the goals and expected learning outcomes of the course. Demonstrate very poor or no understanding of the subject. Show no ability to combine and/or to apply theories, principles, and methods taught in the course. Poor or no skills in possession and application of the methods and software for molecular evolutionary analysis of real data. Show very poor or no ability to collect data from other sources and to systematize, analyze and evaluate them appropriately. Very poor or no presentational skills.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 24 Laboratory / computer laboratory/tutorial/projects / 36 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / 60 / CLO 1, 2, 3 Assignments / 40 / CLO 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Nei M., Kumar S.: Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics (Oxford University Press, 2000) Hall B.G.: Phylogenetic Trees Made Easy (Sinauer, 2004, 2nd ed.) TBC
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4505	**Aquaculture: industry and technology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences *(rajan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T Vengatesen,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	Analyze the biology and nutritional science of key coastal aquaculture species, using the oyster as a primary model to understand their food chemistry, nutritional value, and critical food safety considerations. Evaluate the impacts of climate change on aquaculture systems and design mitigation strategies based on scientific evidence, selective breeding techniques, and stakeholder-informed approaches. Design and manage a hatchery operation by applying principles of reproductive biology, larval rearing, and systems management to ensure profitability and ecological sustainability. Develop a comprehensive aquaculture business plan that identifies a viable entrepreneurial opportunity, outlines its execution process, and includes a rigorous risk and financial analysis.		
Course Contents & Topics	This EL and entrepreneurship focused course is to enhance students' knowl. in applied marine biology, blue food, genomic breeding, hatchery tech. and coastal aquac. business, This will enable students to design, construct, operate and maintain coastal aquac. facilities and small-scale business for production of various seafood species. This is an interdisciplinary endeavor encompassing larval hatchery and selective breeding tech, seafood chemistry		

	and economic dimensions of coastal aquac. business. After learning about basic aquac. topics, we will focus on how modern technologies and innovations is important for feeding the world with blue food production through coastal aquac. as part of blue economy. Envir. issues, legislation pertaining to coastal aquac. business and community interaction will also be covered using aquacu. in HK and in some mainland cities as an example. Students will be exposed to aquac. facilities in HK and will be taken to mainland cities like Zhanjiang and Ningbo or Qingdao to learn practical skills of aquac. This course is designed to meet the needs of an expanding aquac. business in HK. Students will be exposed to a unique learning envir. involving not only HKU teachers but also teachers and aquac. partitioners from various govts, industries, growers and mainland Institute for Aquac. (China), bringing with them a diverse range of expertise, culture, and learning opps. Career and small scale business opps in aquac. industry will be discussed.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	gain operational competency in the core technical practices of coastal aquaculture hatchery and farming
CLO 2	formulate viable business plans that integrate production models with financial angle for small-scale aquaculture ventures
CLO 3	critically analyzing the intersections of coastal aquaculture with global blue food systems, blue economy, and coastal zone management
CLO 4	design an entrepreneurial aquaculture project that addresses a market opportunity while considering environmental and climate change
CLO 5	articulate and translate scientific and technical knowledge into accessible formats for industry application and policy development

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3105 or BIOL3202 or BIOL3218 or BIOL3301 or BIOL4415 or ENVS3004 or ENVS3313 or CHEM3441 or CHEM4444 or BIOC4610 or ENTR3001.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrates a comprehensive and insightful understanding of coastal aquaculture issues. Work is characterized by original thought, sophisticated analytical and critical thinking, and the ability to synthesize concepts from multiple dimensions (e.g., environmental, economic, social). Exhibits a masterful command of the knowledge and skills required to achieve all course learning outcomes. Excels at applying theoretical knowledge from the classroom to critically analyze and propose innovative, viable solutions to complex, real-world aquaculture problems. Show highly effective and professional-level organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
B	Demonstrates a substantial and thoughtful understanding of aquaculture issues. Show clear evidence of analytical and critical thinking, with some ability to consider multiple dimensions of the subject. Possesses a solid grasp of the knowledge and skills needed to achieve all the course learning outcomes. Effectively applies classroom learning to critically analyze real-world aquaculture scenarios, though solutions may be more conventional than innovative. Shows reliable and competent organizational, presentational and field skills.
C	Demonstrates a general but incomplete understanding of aquaculture issues, with limited evidence of original or critical thought. Shows a fair level of the required knowledge and skills, sufficient to meet the core course learning outcomes. Displays a developing but inconsistent ability to apply classroom learning to analyze real-world issues; analysis may be more descriptive than critical. Shows considerable but sometimes inconsistent organizational, presentational and field skills.
D	Demonstrates a minimum and fragmented understanding of aquaculture issues. Shows insufficient gaps in the knowledge and skills required to attain the course learning outcomes. Exhibits a poor ability to apply classroom learning, with critical analysis of real-world issues being superficial or significantly flawed. Show very little competency in organizational and presentational skills, and field skills are underdeveloped.
Fail	Fails to demonstrate a basic understanding of aquaculture issues. Work shows no evidence of possessing the core knowledge or skills outlined in the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate no ability to apply classroom concepts to analyze real-world problems. Show no evidence of familiarity with core reading, field trip demonstrations, or a grasp of basic organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	including tutorial	40
Field work		50
Laboratory work	hands on training	30

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Test	Written exam.	25	CLO 1, 2
Assignments	Practical	25	CLO 3, 4
Report	PPT Presentation: developing innovative ideas for sustainable and economically viable aquacultre in Hong Kong	50	CLO 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Shellfish Aquaculture and the Environment (S.E. Shumway, John Wiley & Sons) Reading materials suggested in Lecture Notes
Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/
Additional Course Information	The enrollment will be during the 2nd Semester add/drop period. Taught and trained by several teachers, guest lecturers from government and aquaculture business sector 1st week: Lectures, practical's and field trips in Hong Kong 2nd week: Lecture and field trips in mainland cities (China) 3rd week: Lectures and field trips in Hong Kong This course will be offered in alternate year. This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4616	**Diet and Chronic Diseases (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	64
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences *(jettylee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J C Y Lee,School of Biological Sciences)		

Course Objectives	This course aims to provide understanding and insight into diseases associated with diet and basic dietetics, specifically to: 1. Understand the fundamental factors that contributes to human diseases 2. Describe the role of diet in the development and prevention of common chronic diseases such as diabetes obesity and anorexia, cardiovascular disease, cancer, gut and immunity. 3. Differentiate risk factors that influence dietary choice. 4. Describe the rationales for nutritional support for hospitalized patients.
Course Contents & Topics	The basics of nutrition for health, fitness and nutrition therapy. The role of diet in the development and prevention of chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, obesity and anorexia as well as bulimia nervosa, cardiovascular diseases, gut disorder, etc and malnutrition. Nutrition and immune function and medical nutrition therapy for food intolerance will be discussed. The relationship between these diseases and ageing in terms of oxidative stress will be integrated in the topics.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 discuss the fundaments in human body that contributes to disease development CLO 2 describe the role of diet in the development and prevention of diabetes, obesity and anorexia, cardiovascular disease, cancer, immune related diseases CLO 3 clearly differentiate and interpret risk factors that influence dietary choice through research presentations using visual and oral means CLO 4 achieve interpersonal communication with peer students of interdisciplinary background in evaluating and recommending nutrition needs of diseased patients
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	PASS in BIOL3202 or BIOL3204. Not for students who have passed in BIOL3606.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational, and presentational skills with scientific visual and oral literacy. Apply highly effective laboratory/fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational, and presentational skills with scientific visual and oral literacy. Apply effective laboratory /fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. General but incomplete grasp of the subject. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational, and presentational skills with scientific visual and oral literacy. Apply moderately effective laboratory / fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Partial but limited grasp of the subject, retention of some relevant information of the subject. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational, and presentational skills with scientific visual and oral literacy. Apply partially effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization, presentational skills with scientific visual and oral literacy are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective laboratory / fieldwork skills and techniques.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		36
Reading / Self study		50

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments	Group assignment & presentation (IPE)	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 3, 4
Project report	Case studies: / research based	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation	Flipped lecture	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Selected readings will also be available on the class website. S. Rodwell Williams: Nutrition and Diet Therapy (7th ed.) Suitor & Hunter: Nutrition: Principles and Application in Health Promotion Wardlaw Gordon: Perspectives in Nutrition (2nd ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4861	**Ecology & biodiversity internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences *(rajan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Ecology & Biodiversity Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating experience for all Ecology & Biodiversity Major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Ecology & Biodiversity Major through gaining work experience in the field of Ecology & Biodiversity that are related to the major of study.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students taking this course will work as an intern for at least 160 hours within the University or outside the University in a company, government department or NGO. The internship may be arranged by the School or obtained by students themselves. In the latter case, the internship must be in a relevant field to the Ecology & Biodiversity Major that the students are taking and prior approval by the course coordinator is required.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 gain first hand work experience in a job placement related to their Ecology & Biodiversity Major CLO 2 apply the knowledge in their Ecology & Biodiversity Major in solving practical problems in the work place CLO 3 acquire an understanding and appreciation of the real work environment CLO 4 extend their network in their field of study
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Ecology and Biodiversity / Ecology and Biodiversity Intensive Major. This course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity Intensive Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their Year 3.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction** Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. **Pass** Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. **Fail** Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Internship

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Internship work	at least 160 hours	160

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Written report		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Supervisor's feedback		30	CLO 3
Oral presentation		30	CLO 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Students taking this course have to submit a written report of not less than 1,000 words and an oral presentation about their internships, which will be assessed by internal supervisors. Student's supervisor at work i.e. the institution offering the internship will also submit an assessment report to the University. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator. BIOL4861 E&B internship is not a Capstone Course.

BIOL4911	**Conservation science in practice (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	9
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To build on the foundation acquired by students in the Biological Sciences in the fields of ecology, biodiversity and environmental science by using case studies that stimulate them to integrate the principles and concepts learned to produce and successfully debate a topic in conservation science. Case studies will specifically address the use of science in achieving meaningful conservation outcomes taking into account the need for considering social, economic, and political contexts. Students will be expected to present their cases orally using sound practical and scientific reasoning. This course is a capstone course for Ecology & Biodiversity major / Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major students.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will use directed case studies to give students the opportunity to consider and synthesize solutions to specific problems in conservation and the application of conservation science in the modern world, and within the wider context of economic development, political considerations and scientific uncertainty.Projects will be conducted through collaborations with local organizations, such as WWF-Hong Kong and Ocean Park, and address real-life questions and issues. Possible case studies range from ecosystem services, biological footprints, wildlife trade, to assessment of conservation risk, effectiveness of international conservation and biodiversity instruments, and the relationship between biodiversity and human livelihoods. Tutorials by the course coordinator will introduce practical conservation concepts, develop critical thinking and address specific issues of relevance across case studies.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 have an in-depth understanding of the topic studied, the major issues involved and the needs and prospects for further work in the area CLO 2 have developed investigative skills associated with the case study selected which include synthesis, organization and presentation of information and innovative and creative thinking around problem solving CLO 3 understand the importance and complexities of conserving biodiversity CLO 4 be able to identify practical and scientifically defensible initiatives and measures for successful conservation intervention CLO 5 be able to competently present the case study and convincingly argue their case		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major including BIOL3303. This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with strong evidence of ability to integrate and synthesize information across subject areas, including from practical work undertaken, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations and showing consideration of practical and political dimensions for addressing conservation challenges. Apply highly effective presentational skills. Strong evidence of attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking and consideration of the wider issues of biodiversity conservation for Society.		

	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with some integration of materials and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate effective presentational skills. Some evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking and attention to detail. Consideration of practical components in conservation management must be demonstrated including the importance of biodiversity conservation in Society.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations and of relevance of biodiversity conservation for Society. Apply moderately effective presentational skills and understanding of the practical challenges of effective conservation initiatives. Little evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities and little attempt at integration. Have basic understanding of importance of biodiversity for Society. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems or consider the practical challenges of biodiversity conservation. Apply limited effectiveness in presentational skills. Lack of attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking or attention to detail. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge or practical thinking to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Project-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	supervised practical work of at least 80 hours followed by written & oral reports. Tutorials provided by course coordinator	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Research report	project report	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Oral presentation		40	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5
Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered in alternate year from 2017-2018 This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.			

BIOL4912	**Sensory evaluation of food (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide a broad understanding of the physiological and psychological basis of human sensory perception of food. To develop expertise in the choice and application of sensory techniques, and analysis of sensory data, in food science and consumer research.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will be offered in July in a 2-week intensive workshop format at a collaborating facility in mainland China, to enable close study of food products in the Chinese marketplace. Preliminary lectures will take place at the University of Hong Kong. Physiology and psychology of sensory perception. Objectives, planning and conduct of sensory testing. Discrimination testing, thresholds, descriptive analysis, affective testing. Instrument-sensory relationships, texture and aroma profiles, food oral processing, shelf-life studies, expert panels. Case studies of sensory applications in product development, quality management, and consumer research.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand the psychophysiological basis for human sensory perception of food	
	CLO 2	understand the major techniques used in sensory testing	
	CLO 3	interpret sensory evaluation reports, and to design and conduct sensory evaluation projects using appropriately chosen methods	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3201; and Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) in the Food & Nutrional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutrional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Laboratory and workshop course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Laboratory		48
	Project work		48
	Tutorials	lectures/tutorials	24

	Reading / Self study			30

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 2, 3
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project reports		60	CLO 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Stone, H. and Sidel, J.L. (2004) Sensory Evaluation Practices 3rd edition - Elsevier Lawless, H.T. (2013) Laboratory Exercises for Sensory Evaluation - Springer
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4913	**Advanced practicum on food and nutrient analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	8
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives

Food products are analysed to follow the compliance with legal and labelling requirements, assessment of product quality, determination of nutritive value, research and development. The lectures and laboratory sessions will cover the analytical procedures and techniques used to provide information about the food labelling and toxicology of the products. The purpose of the laboratory classes is to give students experience in direct performance of food analysis and toxicology experiments, analysing data and reporting their findings. The students are to work individually on food products where they will analytically assess components using advanced techniques necessary for basic labelling of food products.

Course Contents & Topics

Key lectures on specific techniques and cases studies demonstrating the potential and pitfalls on analytical techniques and contaminant assessment for certain class of foods or food components will be discussed. Students will have hands-on experience in analysing food products and will utilise analytical techniques under AOAC or equivalent methods. The students will learn how mycotoxins assays, allergens and genetically modified raw materials are assessed in food products. In-depth learning in the use of different chromatography and mass spectrometry techniques, ELISA and procedures for sample preparations will be provided in the course.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	Be familiar with the food labeling system
CLO 2	Understand the use of appropriate analytical techniques for food analysis
CLO 3	Have knowledge of a variety of analytical techniques for evaluation of food products
CLO 4	Have a detailed knowledge of the state of the art of the most important analytical methods, their possibilities and their application in complex food systems
CLO 5	Able to perform risk assessment and compare the outcomes with governmental regulated levels

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) included BIOL3207 and / or BIOL3209 in the Food & Nutrional Science Major.
This capstone course is for Food & Nutrional Science Major students only.
The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate a thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		48
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Project report		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S.S. Nielsen, Food Analysis 4th Edition (2010 Springer USA) Y. Pico, Chemical Analysis of Food Techniques and Applications (2012, Knovel, Science Direct on-line) Official methods of analysis of AOAC International 19th Ed (2012, AOAC International)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	The course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

BIOL4921	**Animal behaviour and behavioural ecology: field course (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is offered as a capstone experience and unique experiential learning opportunity. It introduces students to scientific reasoning and conceptual basis of studying animal behaviour and behavioural ecology. It exposes students to 'research-in-making' and 'day-to-day logistics' of a field research, with all the excitement it generates and all demanding challenges it brings along, with hands-on experience in designing, conducting, analysing, and successfully completing field studies of animal behaviour and behavioural ecology.		
Course Contents & Topics	Conducted in a field research site outside Hong Kong, this course teaches students how to think analytically about animal behaviour, how to design a field research protocol, construct a conceptual framework of a research project and how to put this framework into a practice of collecting and analysing data. The course includes lectures, informal discussions, review of research techniques, and extensive field component with daily research activities. It provides experiential learning through (i) direct participation in an ongoing field-based research, (ii) hands-on experience in application of diverse research techniques, (iii) hands-on involvement in collecting and analysing data, and (iv) engagement in scientific debates with researchers and research teams directly in their field study location. Students will be guided through the scientific reasoning and methodology, will learn a suite of research techniques and will exercise their skills in data gathering and interpretation, and will develop an understanding how individual research projects contribute to a greater understanding of behavioural and evolutionary processes and contribute to advancing science at large. The emphasis is placed on independent thinking and thoughtful application of the knowledge acquired previously during relevant classroom courses. Following the field-based component, students are required to give a seminar-type presentation on a selected topic and write a Course Report.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand of the biodiversity and primary habitats in the ecosystem studied	
	CLO 2	establish the basic skills needed to identify target species associated with the field course	
	CLO 3	be knowledgeable about and able to implement sampling techniques for organisms in the particular ecosystems studied	
	CLO 4	understand the basic ecology of target species and how biotic and abiotic factors shape focal communities	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3101; and Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major. This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Evidence of a thorough grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Eagerness and enthusiasm to learn and excellent familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Exemplary handling of field data collection and excellent analytical skills. Ample evidence of independent critical thought with excellent use of a broad range of fundamental concepts and broader comparative perspective to draw insightful and logical conclusions. Show outstanding abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with excellent analytical argumentation. Excellent or outstanding work relative to what is required at degree level.
	B	Evidence of a good grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Interest in learning and good-to-moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies. Good handling of field data collection and commendable analytical skills. Good evidence of critical thought (although not always independent), with an appreciable use of fundamental concepts and consideration of broader comparative perspective in drawing logical conclusions. Good abilities of independent work, effective presentation skills with logical and analytical argumentation. Work more than sufficient for what is required at degree level.
	C	Demonstrate an adequate, but incomplete grasp of the subject and relevant research techniques. Moderate familiarity with relevant background reading and case studies, but no interest in learning beyond the adequate average level. Evidence of logical critical thinking (although not always independent), with mostly good use of fundamental concepts to draw logical conclusions. Fair presentation skills, with mostly correct argumentation, but limited (or no) abilities to integrate broader concepts. Work sufficient for what is required for degree level.
	D	Demonstrate some grasp of the subject, but only partial and with limited understanding of relevant research concepts and research techniques. Some familiarity with relevant case studies, but insufficient evidence of background reading and limited abilities of critical independent thinking. Ineffective presentation skills with generally weak logical argumentation with restricted ability of drawing appropriate conclusions. Work barely meets what is required at degree level.
	Fail	No evidence of basic a minimum grasp of the subject and the minimum relevant research techniques. No evidence of background reading and no familiarity with any relevant examples and case studies. Inadequate evidence of coherent logical thought; ineffective presentation skills with poor argumentation and no abilities to draw meaningful conclusions. Work fails to reach degree level.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	lectures and tutorials	10
Field work		72
Presentation	interactive debates	10
Reading / Self study		100
Assessment	group project	15

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Assignments		35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Report	project report (35%), group investigation & presenation (30%)	65	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Required/recommended reading and online materials (at most 400 characters) Lehner, P.N. 1996 (reprint 2002). Handbook of ethological methods. Cambridge University Press. Dugatkin, L.A. (ed.) 2001. Model systems in behavioral ecology. Integrating conceptual, theoretical, and empirical approaches. Princeton University Press. Yamagiwa, J. & Karczmarski, L. (eds.) 2014. Primates and Cetaceans: Field research and conservation of complex mammalian societies. Springer Science.
Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/
Additional Course Information	Enrollment Procedure: The course is open to enrollment only during the add/drop period of the 2nd semester. Students are required to

	submit a brief (maximum 1-page) application letter (PDF file) via e-mail to the Course Coordinator (leszek@hku.hk) not later than 10th January. The application shall include the following: 1. Personal and academic details 2. ID photograph 3. Brief description of academic interests 4. GPA 5. Pre-requisite courses taken and grades received (if pre-requisites are not met, a reasoned request for waiver). All applications will be reviewed prior to the commencement of the 2nd semester and results will be announced within the 1st week of the add/drop period of the 2nd semester.

BIOL4922	**Food product development and evaluation (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To introduce the key concepts and techniques used in food product development. To provide small group experience in the design, development and production of a new food product.		
Course Contents & Topics	History and future of the food industry; industrial product development process; idea generation and prototype development for new food products; quality management and legal protection; marketing strategies; food labeling; food package design; new product development for different food industries.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the food product development cycle CLO 2 know the key steps in new product development CLO 3 demonstrate enhanced insight and understanding of current and future trends in the food industry CLO 4 have professional level practical experience in new product development CLO 5 know the main characteristics of different sectors of the food industry		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses (BIOL3XXX or BIOL4XXX) included BIOL3203 and / or BIOL4205 in the Food & Nutritional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutritional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Not for students who have passed in BIOL4210 Food product development.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject matter covered. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of creative ability and competence in professional-level problem solving. Critically use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate highly effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject matter covered. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with some evidence of competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw generally appropriate conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking with limited competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw moderately appropriate but sometimes erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate moderately effective team-based organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show some evidence of coherent and logical thinking, but lacking competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results to draw sometimes appropriate but often erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate team-based organizational and presentational skills of limited effectiveness. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no grasp, with retention of little relevant information, of the subject matter covered. Show lack of coherent and logical thinking, and minimal competence in professional-level problem solving. Use lab skills and techniques and analysis of data and results ineffectively, leading generally to inappropriate and usually erroneous conclusions to real-world problems. Demonstrate ineffectiveness team-based organizational and presentational skills.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Laboratory and workshop course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Laboratory / 48 Group work / 80-100 hours group project work / 100 Tutorials / 6 lectures + 6 tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100		
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Assignments / Assignments assessment of group product development project including food product presentation / 100 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5		
Required/recommended reading and online materials	A. L. Brody and J. B. Lord: Developing New Food Products for a Changing Marketplace (CRC Press, 2007) E. Graf and I. S. Saguy: Food Product Development (Avi Books, 1991) G. W. Fuller: New Food Product Development (CRC Press, 2005)		
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/		
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.		

BIOL4962	**Food & nutritional science internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr S K S Leung, Biological Sciences *(lks612@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Food & Nutritional Science Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating experience for all Food & Nutritional Science Major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Food & Nutritional Science Major through gaining work experience in the field of Food & Nutritional Science that are related to the major of study.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students taking this course will work as an intern for at least 160 hours in at least 20 working days within the University or outside the University in a company, government department or NGO. The internship may be		

	arranged by the School or obtained by students themselves. In the latter case, the internship must be in a relevant field to the Food & Nutritional Science Major that the students are taking and prior approval by the course coordinator is required
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 gain first hand work experience in a job placement related to their Food & Nutritional Science Major CLO 2 apply the knowledge in their Food & Nutritional Science Major in solving practical problems in the work place. CLO 3 acquire an understanding and appreciation of the real work environment and write a report to explain the work experience and self-reflection CLO 4 extend their network in their field of study and share their experiences through an oral presentation
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Food & Nutritional Science Major. This capstone course is for Food & Nutritional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction** Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. **Pass** Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction". **Fail** Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Internship
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** | **Details** | **No. of Hours** Internship work | at least160 hours (lunch hour excluded) in at least 20 working days | 160
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** | **Details** | **Weighting in final course grade (%)** | **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Written report | Written report 1: Final report (self-reflection) 25% and Written report 2: Supervisor's feedback: continuous assessment through verbal and practical communication at work 50% | 75 | CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Oral presentation | | 25 | CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Students in this course must submit a written report (maximum 1,000 words, no less than 800 words) and deliver an oral presentation about their internship. Internal supervisors will evaluate these submissions, and the student's workplace supervisor will provide an assessment report to the University. Completing this course fulfils the Capstone requirement and will be noted on the student's transcript. The course is graded "Pass with Distinction/Pass/Fail." Enrolment is not available through the online system. Instead, students must submit application form (available here: https://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) to the School of Biological Sciences Office, Flora Chan (ppchan@hku.hk) for course approval by the coordinator and Faculty of Science registration.

BIOL4963	**Molecular biology & biotechnology internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof. J C Y Lee, Biological Sciences *(jettylee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating experience for all Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major through gaining work experience in the field of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology that are related to the major of study.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students taking this course will work as an intern for at least 160 hours in at least 20 working days within the University or outside the University in a company, government department or NGO. The internship may be arranged by the School or obtained by students themselves. In the latter case, the internship must be in a relevant field to the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major that the students are taking and prior approval by the course coordinator is required.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 gain first hand work experience in a job placement related to their Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major CLO 2 apply the knowledge in their Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major in solving practical problems in the work place CLO 3 acquire an understanding and appreciation of the real work environment and write a report to explain the work experience and self-reflection CLO 4 extend their network in their field of study, and share their experiences through an oral presentation		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major. This capstone course is for Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major students only.. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction**	Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
	Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".
	Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc
Communication-intensive Course	Y	
Course Type	Internship	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Internship work	at least 160 hours (lunch hour excluded) in at least 20 working days	160

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Written report	Written report 1: Final report (self-reflection) 25% and Written report 2: Supervisor's feedback: continuous assessment through verbal and practical communication at work 50%	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Oral presentation		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Students in this course must submit a written report (maximum 1,000 words, no less than 800 words) and deliver an oral presentation about their internship. Internal supervisors will evaluate these submissions, and the student's workplace supervisor will provide an assessment report to the University. Completing this course fulfils the Capstone requirement and will be noted on the student's transcript. The course is graded "Pass with Distinction/Pass/Fail." Enrolment is not available through the online system. Instead, students must submit application form (available here: https://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) to the School of Biological Sciences Office, Flora Chan (ppchan@hku.hk) for course approval by the coordinator and Faculty of Science registration.

BIOL4964	**Biological sciences internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof. G Y W Chan, Biological Sciences *(gywchan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Biological Sciences Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating experience for all Biological Sciences major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Biological Sciences Major through gaining work experience in the field of Biological Sciences that are related to the major of study.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students taking this course will work as an intern for at least 160 hours in at least 20 working days within the University or outside the University in a company, government department or NGO. The internship may be arranged by the School or obtained by students themselves. In the latter case, the internship must be in a relevant field to the Biological Sciences major that the students are taking and prior approval by the course coordinator is required		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 gain first hand work experience in a job placement related to their Biological Sciences Major
	CLO 2 apply the knowledge in their Biological Sciences Major in solving practical problems in the work place
	CLO 3 acquire an understanding and appreciation of the real work environment, and write a report to explain the work experience and self-reflection
	CLO 4 extend their network in their field of study, and share their experiences and self-reflection through an oral presentation

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Biological Sciences Major. This capstone course is for Biological Sciences Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction**	Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
	Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".
	Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc
Communication-intensive Course	Y	
Course Type	Internship	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**

	Internship work	at least160 hours (lunch hour excluded) in at least 20 working days	160

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Written report	Final report of not less than 1,000 words	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Supervisor's feedback	Employer's assessment: Continuous assessment at work	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Oral presentation	15 minutes (plus 5 mins for Q&A)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Students taking this course have to submit a written report of not less than 1,000 words and an oral presentation about their internships, which will be assessed by internal supervisors. Student's supervisor at work i.e. the institution offering the internship will also submit an assessment report to the University. Satisfactory completion of this course can be counted towards the Capstone requirement. Details of internship will be recorded on the student's transcript. This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

BIOL4991	**Ecology & biodiversity project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S Y W Sin, Biological Sciences *(sinyw@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in E&B Major / E&B Intensive Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating capstone experience for Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity Major (Intensive) undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) through planning and carrying out a research project under the supervision of a member of staff.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After admission to the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will complete their project work under the guidance of their supervisor.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
CLO 1	critique and review appropriate scientific literature
CLO 2	use this information to generate a scientifically relevant research question through communication with supervisors
CLO 3	develop and formulate innovative scientific hypotheses to test this question
CLO 4	design and undertake practical research work to formally test the hypotheses proposed and communicate with supervisors for technical troubleshooting
CLO 5	analyse and evaluate the data collected to test the hypotheses, present data in a professional manner to illustrate the outcomes
CLO 6	draw an objective series of conclusions based on the experimental work through communication with supervisors
CLO 7	highlight and critically discuss their research findings and place them into a holistic scientific context
CLO 8	submit their work following a specified journal format, present their work as a scientific conference talk

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity Intensive Major; and This capstone course is for Ecology & Biodiversity Major / Ecology & Biodiversity Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Evidence of complete or near-complete understanding and a thorough grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of all learning outcomes. Excellent critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Well designed experimental approach to test research hypothesis. Show excellent organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques. Demonstrate comprehensive, critical, assessment of results and professional presentation of research work.
B	Evidence of near-complete understanding and a good grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of the majority of learning outcomes. Good critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Appropriately designed experimental approach to test research hypothesis. Show good organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques. Demonstrate effective, critical, assessment of results and good presentation of research work.
C	Evidence of adequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by general but incomplete attainment of most of the learning outcomes. Acceptable critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Adequately designed experimental approach to test research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques. Demonstrate adequate but not necessarily critical, assessment of results and presentation of research work.
D	Evidence of limited understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by incomplete attainment of many of the learning outcomes. Limited critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Poorly designed experimental approach to test research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques. Demonstrate confused and poorly organized assessment of results and limited presentation of research work.
Fail	Evidence of poor or inadequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter such that most of the learning outcomes are not attained. Poor critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Badly designed experimental approach to test research hypothesis. Show little evidence of appropriate organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques. Demonstrate incorrect interpretation and assessment of results and poor presentation of research work.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	formal lectures, seminars & practical work	144

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Dissertation	Written report (<12000 words) 50% and Research report:	70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

		continuous assessment by supervisors through discussion and evaluation of findings 20%		
	Oral presentation		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	A dissertation of about 9,000 - 12,000 words. Students should complete the registration form by clicking (http://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) before or after they add this course during the course selection period.			

BIOL4992	**Food & nutritional science project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B C B Chan, Biological Sciences *(chancb@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Food & Nutritional Science Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating capstone experience for Food & Nutritional Science Major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Food & Nutritional Science Major through planning and carrying out a research project under the supervision of a member of staff.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After admission to the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will complete their project work under the guidance of their supervisor.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	critique and review appropriate scientific literature	
	CLO 2	use this information to generate a scientifically relevant research question through communication with mentors	
	CLO 3	develop and formulate scientific hypotheses to test this question	
	CLO 4	design and undertake practical research work to formally test the hypotheses proposed and communicate with mentors for technical troubleshooting	
	CLO 5	analyse and evaluate the data collected to test the hypotheses	
	CLO 6	present data in a professional manner to illustrate the outcomes through oral presentation and a dissertation	
	CLO 7	draw an objective series of conclusions based on the experimental work through communication with mentors	
	CLO 8	highlight and discuss their research findings through oral presentations and a dissertation and place them into a holistic scientific context	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Food & Nutritional Science Major; and Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. This capstone course is for Food & Nutritional Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Evidence of complete or near-complete understanding and a thorough grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of all learning outcomes. Excellent critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. A well-designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show excellent organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate comprehensive, critical, assessment of results and professional presentation of research work.	
	B	Evidence of near-complete understanding and a good grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of the majority of learning outcomes. Good critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. An appropriately designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show good organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate effective, critical, assessment of results and good presentation of research work.	
	C	Evidence of adequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by general but incomplete attainment of most of the learning outcomes. Acceptable critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. An adequately designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate adequate but not necessarily critical, assessment of results and presentation of research work.	
	D	Evidence of limited understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by incomplete attainment of many of the learning outcomes. Limited critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. A poorly designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate confused and poorly organized assessment of results and limited presentation of research work.	
	Fail	Evidence of poor or inadequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter such that most of the learning outcomes are not attained. Poor critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Badly designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show little evidence of appropriate organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate incorrect interpretation and assessment of results and poor presentation of research work.	
Communication-intensive Course	Y		
Course Type	Project-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	formal lectures, seminars & practical work	144

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Dissertation	Dissertation 1: written report (50%) and Dissertation 2: continuous assessment by supervisor for practical communication at work (20%).	70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
	Oral presentation	Oral 1: presentation in research seminar (20%) and Oral 2: peer evaluation of research seminars presentation; writing 2 research critiques. (10%).	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	A dissertation of about 9,000 - 12,000 words. As BIOL4992 "FNS project"is a whole year course, students should enrol this course during the course selection period or the add/drop period in the 1st Semester only. Students should complete the registration form by clicking (http://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) before or after they add this course during the course selection period.

BIOL4993	**Molecular biology & biotechnology project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Chaogu Zheng, Biological Sciences *(cgzheng@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in MBB Major / MBB Intensive Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating capstone experience for all Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major / Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major (Intensive) undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major / Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major (Intensive) through planning and carrying out a research project under the supervision of a member of staff.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After admission to the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will complete their project work under the guidance of their supervisor.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	critique and review appropriate scientific literature
CLO 2	use this information to generate a scientifically relevant research question through communication with mentors
CLO 3	develop and formulate scientific hypotheses to test this question
CLO 4	design and undertake practical research work to formally test the hypotheses proposed and communicate with mentors for technical troubleshooting
CLO 5	analyse and evaluate the data collected to test the hypotheses
CLO 6	present data in a professional manner to illustrate the outcomes through oral presentation and a dissertation
CLO 7	draw an objective series of conclusions based on the experimental work through communication with mentors
CLO 8	highlight and discuss their research findings through oral presentations and a dissertation and place them into a holistic scientific context

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core / elective courses in the Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major / Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major (Intensive); and Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. This capstone course is for Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major / Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Evidence of complete or near-complete understanding and a thorough grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of all learning outcomes. Excellent critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. A well-designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show excellent organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate comprehensive, critical, assessment of results and professional presentation of research work.
B	Evidence of near-complete understanding and a good grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of the majority of learning outcomes. Good critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. An appropriately designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show good organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate effective, critical, assessment of results and good presentation of research work.
C	Evidence of adequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by general but incomplete attainment of most of the learning outcomes. Acceptable critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. An adequately designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate adequate but not necessarily critical, assessment of results and presentation of research work.
D	Evidence of limited understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by incomplete attainment of many of the learning outcomes. Limited critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. A poorly designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate confused and poorly organized assessment of results and limited presentation of research work.
Fail	Evidence of poor or inadequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter such that most of the learning outcomes are not attained. Poor critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Badly designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show little evidence of appropriate organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate incorrect interpretation and assessment of results and poor presentation of research work.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Reading / Self study	formal lectures, seminars & practical work	144

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Dissertation	Dissertation 1: written report (50%) and Dissertation 2: continuous assessment by supervisor for practical communication at work (20%).	70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Oral presentation	Oral 1: presentation in research seminar (20%) and Oral 2: peer evaluation of research seminars presentation; writing 2 research critiques. (10%)	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

Additional Course Information	A dissertation of about 9,000 - 12,000 words. As BIOL4993 "MBB project " is a whole-year course, students should enrol in this course during the course selection period or the add/drop period in the 1st Semester only. Students should complete the registration form by clicking (http://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) before or after they add this course during the course selection period.

BIOL4994	**Biological sciences project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C Schunter, Biological Sciences *(schunter@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Biological Sciences Major,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating capstone experience for all Biological Sciences Major undergraduates to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Biological Science Major through planning and carrying out a research project under the supervision of a member of staff.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After admission to the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will complete their project work under the guidance of their supervisor.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	critique and review appropriate scientific literature
CLO 2	use this information to generate a scientifically relevant research question through communication with mentors
CLO 3	develop and formulate scientific hypotheses to test this question
CLO 4	design and undertake practical research work to formally test the hypotheses proposed and communicate with mentors for technical troubleshooting
CLO 5	analyse and evaluate the data collected to test the hypotheses
CLO 6	present data in a professional manner to illustrate the outcomes through oral presentation and a dissertation
CLO 7	draw an objective series of conclusions based on the experimental work through communication with mentors
CLO 8	highlight and discuss their research findings through oral presentations and a dissertation and place them into a holistic scientific context

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective biological sciences courses in the Biological Sciences Major; and Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. This capstone course is for Biological Sciences / Biological Sciences Intensive Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Evidence of complete or near-complete understanding and a thorough grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of all learning outcomes. Excellent critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. A well-designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show excellent organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate comprehensive, critical, assessment of results and professional presentation of research work.
B	Evidence of near-complete understanding and a good grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by attainment of the majority of learning outcomes. Good critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. An appropriately designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show good organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate effective, critical, assessment of results and good presentation of research work.
C	Evidence of adequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by general but incomplete attainment of most of the learning outcomes. Acceptable critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. An adequately designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate adequate but not necessarily critical, assessment of results and presentation of research work.
D	Evidence of limited understanding and grasp of the subject matter as demonstrated by incomplete attainment of many of the learning outcomes. Limited critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. A poorly designed experimental approach to test the research hypothesis. Show fair organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques through a written dissertation and oral presentation. Demonstrate confused and poorly organized assessment of results and limited presentation of research work.
Fail	Evidence of poor or inadequate understanding and grasp of the subject matter such that most of the learning outcomes are not attained. Poor critique and knowledge of relevant literature and identification of research hypothesis. Badly designed experimental approach to test research hypothesis. Show little evidence of appropriate organizational and/or analytical skills and laboratory/fieldwork techniques. Demonstrate incorrect interpretation and assessment of results and poor presentation of research work

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Reading / Self study	formal lectures, seminars & practical work	144

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Dissertation	Dissertation 1: written report (50%) and Dissertation 2: continuous assessment by supervisor for practical communication at work (20%).	70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Oral presentation	Oral 1: presentation in research seminar (20%) and Oral 2: peer evaluation of research seminars presentation; writing 2 research critiques. (10%).	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	A dissertation of about 9,000 - 12,000 words. As BIOL4994 "BS project " is a whole-year course, students should enrol in this course during the course selection period or the add/drop period in the 1st Semester only.

	Students should complete the registration form by clicking (http://www.biosch.hku.hk/course/capstone/capstone.html) before or after they add this course during the course selection period.

ENVS1301	**Environmental life science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences *(rajan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T Vengatesen,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course intended for students who wish to understand the fundamentals of environmental biology/life science and importantly the relationship (connection) between environment and life. Here you will learn about the various biological/ecological principles and concepts of environmental science which are needed for critical discussion and evaluation of current global environmental issues including human ecology, urbanization, ecological economics, and climate change.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course is a combination of lectures, group discussion/debate and field trips cum tutorials. We first explore the fundamental interactions between organisms and their environment. We then explore environmental constraints on life at various ecosystems (like marine, freshwater, and terrestrial). Students will also learn how factors such as urbanization, climate change, and anthropogenic impacts affect life at population and ecosystem levels. Similarly, students will be exposed to the incredible interrelationships that are basic to ecological principles and the impact that human development has upon these interrelationships. After learning basics of environmental life science, students will be stimulated to think about current life science issues such as biodiversity loss, organisms adaptation to climate change, tragedy of commons (human ecology) and applied life science topics such as biomaterial science.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand life, environment and their interactions CLO 2 appreciate species and ecosystem responses to human-induced environmental change CLO 3 attain ability to critically think and discuss about current environ-life science issues CLO 4 be motivated and equipped: to tackle biological environmental science questions and to choose advanced environmental science courses		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Evidence of original thought during the analysis of environmental life science issues. Show evidence of analytical, critical and multidimensional thinking about the study subject. Extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate excellent ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real environmental life science issues. Show highly effective organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
B	Show substantial knowledge and thought during the analysis of environmental life science issues. Show some evidence of some analytical, critical and multidimensional thinking about the study subject. Good knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate good ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real environmental life science issues. Show effective organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
C	Show general but incomplete knowledge and original thought during the analysis of environmental life science issues. Fair knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate fair ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real environmental life science issues. Show considerable organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
D	Evidence to show a minimum knowledge (i.e. knowledge is very incomplete) and thought during the analysis of environmental life science issues. Show insufficient knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate poor ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real environmental life science issues. Show very little organizational, presentational and field trip skills.
Fail	Evidence of meager or inadequate knowledge and understanding of environmental life science issues. Show no evidence of knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Demonstrate no ability to apply what you have learned in the class room to critically analyze the real environmental life science issues. Show no evidence of familiarity with relevant reading material and field trip demonstrations, or any knowledge of organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Field work	3-12 hours field work	12
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 3
Project report	Field trip project (25%) + diary report (25%)	50	CLO 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Appropriate reading materials/handouts will be provided during the course.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

ENVS2001	**Methods in environmental science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	42
Course Co-ordinator	Prof. D M Baker, Biological Sciences *(dmbaker@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof. D M Baker,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce students to a broad spectrum of field and laboratory methods for data collection in environmental science. Through exposure to environmental data collection, experimental design, data analysis, interpretation and reporting, students will gain a deeper appreciation of the process that underlies environmental science research and it's relevancy to critical thinking and future careers in the sciences.		

Course Contents & Topics	This course will involve environmental data collection in both field and laboratory settings. In-class lectures will cover basic principles of specific methodologies and relevant applications in preparation for laboratory and field-based experiential learning. Having an interdisciplinary focus, the course will cover topics relevant to the study of the biosphere, encompassing terrestrial, aquatic, and atmospheric systems. Students will gain hands-on experience with the operation of standard and advanced sampling and analytical equipment, quality control, basic data analysis and reporting.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand how scientific data is used to address environmental problems CLO 2 have a basic understanding of the techniques and methodologies necessary for collecting environmental data CLO 3 understand some of the problems inherent in data collection, and how this impacts data interpretation CLO 4 understand how data collected in the lab and field can be used to critically evaluate ideas
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1309 or EASC1401 or ENVS1301 or ENVS1401
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Laboratory and workshop course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Laboratory		30
Field work		10
Project work		20
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		60

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Presentation		20	CLO 2, 3
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project reports		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

ENVS2002	**Environmental data analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	65
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T C Bonebrake, Biological Sciences *(tbone@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T C Bonebrake,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with the ability to analyze data; especially data which are relevant to issues and questions in environmental science. This course will enable students to accurately interpret, organize, display, test and analyze environmental data. The course will also introduce students to principles of a variety of important advanced approaches in analyzing environmental data including spatial analysis, geographic information systems, remote sensing, risk assessment, and time series analysis.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will feature lectures on aspects of sampling, distributions, uncertainty, probability, and hypothesis testing in addition to lectures on advanced analysis topics. Special emphasis will be placed on qualities inherent to most environmental datasets such as large size, multivariate, and spatial. All material will be applied and practiced in environmental science contexts (e.g. chemistry, ecology, geology and oceanography) using a variety of datasets in a computer laboratory setting using the 'R Project for Statistical Computing' software and QGIS.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 accurately interpret methods and approaches in the scientific literature CLO 2 evaluate critically data analyses in the environmental sciences CLO 3 perform standard and appropriate statistical analyses on a variety of data sources CLO 4 work comfortably with large datasets using applied software (e.g. R) CLO 5 present results of data analyses in a clear and transparent manner		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL1309 or EASC1401 or ENVS1301 or ENVS1401		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply a highly effective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Be able to critically use data and statistical results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Present evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective computational skills and techniques for		

		basic statistical analyses. Be able to correctly use data and statistical results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Present evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Demonstrate mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and statistical results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial and limited grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Present evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Demonstrate limited ability to use data and statistical results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate limited or no grasp of the subject and skills required for attaining any of the course learning outcomes. Present evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical or coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective computational skills and techniques for basic statistical analyses. Demonstrate misuse of data and statistical results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply minimally effective or ineffective organizational and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory	problem-based learning/computer laboratory	24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Project report		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Examination		25	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test	problem-based exercises	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Textbooks: Shahbaba, B. 2012. Biostatistics with R: An Introduction to Statistics through Biological Data. Springer, New York. Reimann, C. et al. 2007. Statistical Data Analysis Explained: Applied Environmental Statistics with R. John Wiley & Sons, Chichester. Dormann, C. (2020). Environmental Data Analysis: An Introduction with Examples in R. Springer Nature. References: Zhang C. 2007. Fundamentals of Environmental Sampling and Analysis. John Wiley & Sons, New Jersey.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

ENVS3019	**Urban ecology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	75
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T C Bonebrake, Biological Sciences *(tbone@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof L A Ashton,School of Biolgoical Sciences) (Prof T C Bonebrake,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course will provide students with an understanding and knowledge of the ecology of urban ecosystems. The course will highlight the role of cities in a world under environmental change and rapid development.		
Course Contents & Topics	Ecological systems within cities and cities as ecological systems will both be covered in this course. Ecological concepts unique to or specialized within cities will be covered including sustainability, conservation, health, development, globalization, and restoration. Specific topics will include climate change (e.g. urban heat island effects), invasive species, infectious diseases and pollution. Examples will be taken globally but special emphasis will be placed on Hong Kong.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe and evaluate the processes and patterns that characterize urban ecological systems
CLO 2	understand biodiversity and ecosystem responses to urbanization
CLO 3	recognize energy flows within urban ecosystems and how energy use and waste improve or deteriorate environmental quality
CLO 4	critically evaluate management and policy solutions to urban ecological problems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, ability to integrate and synthesize information, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective presentational skills. Strong evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, integration of materials and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate effective presentational skills. Evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective presentational skills. Little evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities and little attempt at integration. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited effectiveness in presentational skills. Lack of attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	Mid-term exam (20%), Final exam (30%)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Textbooks: Niemela J, Breuste JH, Elmqvist T, Guntenspergen PJ, McIntyre NE (2011) Urban Ecology: Patterns, Processes, and Applications. Oxford University Press, Oxford. References: Gaston KJ (2010) Urban ecology. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers. Offer in alternate year from 2013-2014			

ENVS3020	**Global change ecology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	65
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The main goal of this course is to introduce students to the ways in which global environmental change affects biodiversity from organisms to ecosystems. This course will explore the contributions that human population growth and globalization have made to increases in greenhouse gases and associated climate change, biological invasions, land degradation, disease, and, ultimately, impacts on biological systems.		
Course Contents & Topics	Environmental change is a natural phenomenon, with ecosystems continually shifting, rearranging, emerging, and disappearing through geologic time with changes in climatic conditions. The activities of humans have added to this natural variation, increasing the magnitude and speed with which environmental change occurs. This course will focus principally on the effects of climate change on organisms and ecosystems but will also investigate other topics registering on a global scale including land use change, biological invasions, and pollution, as well as synergistic interactions between all of the environmental stressors. We will explore (1) what climate change is and how it is manifested including climate warming, sea level rise, and ocean acidification; (2) types and extents of land use change; (3) how globalization has contributed to the spread of alien species and disease. The course will investigate how these human-caused stressors affect the morphology, phenology, distribution, and evolution of organisms and their impacts on ecosystem functioning and biodiversity in freshwater, marine, and terrestrial ecosystems.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	develop a basic understanding of climate change and other human-associated impacts, such as land use change, and how they are manifested on a global scale	
	CLO 2	explain the ways that global change affects organisms' traits and distributions, and biodiversity at the ecosystem level	
	CLO 3	understand the differences between climate change on a geologic time scale and recent climate change	
	CLO 4	be aware of the relationships between humans and global change	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, ability to integrate and synthesize information, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective presentational skills. Strong evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, integration of materials and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate effective presentational skills. Evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective presentational skills. Little evidence of clear attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities and little attempt at integration. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited effectiveness in presentational skills. Lack of attention to thoughtful and reflective thinking.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Tutorials			12
	Project work	Problem-based exercises		20
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

	Examination		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test	Mid-term test	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Essay	Weekly paper summaries	10	CLO 1, 2

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Recommended books: Lovejoy, T.E. and Hannah, L. 2005. Climate Change and Biodiversity. Yale University Press, New Haven, CT, USA. Newman et al. 2011. Climate Change Biology. CAB International, Oxford,UK. Required articles: Araujo, M.B., and Rahbek, C. 2006. How does climate change affect biodiversity? Science 313:1396-1397. Grimm, N.B., Faeth, S.H., Golubiewski, N.E., Redman, C.L., Wu J., Bai, X., and Briggs, J.M. 2008. Global change and the ecology of cities. Science 319:756-760. Schlesinger, W.H. 2006. Global change ecology. Trends in Ecology and Evolution 21:348-351.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers. Offer in alternate year from 2016-2017

ENVS3022	**Environmental science field course (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	10
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide students experiential learning experience in the field of environmental science. The course is primarily based on an array of experiential studies covering essential areas of environmental science during a residential fieldtrip.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students to attend a residential field trip outside and/or inside Hong Kong to learn about environmental science in practice. The residential field trip may include marine environmental survey, sediment core sampling, practical learning of ecological, paleoecology and environmental problems, environmental geology/paleontology excursion, and other activities. Students are required to write an independent report on the learning outcome of the field trip.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	recognize ways of environmental science in practice	
	CLO 2	gain knowledge of current environmental problems and solutions	
	CLO 3	present and communicate their field observations and findings	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in ENVS2001 or Either pass in ENVS2002 or concurrently enrolled in ENVS2002		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Laboratory and workshop course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Field work	Students will take part in at least 66 hours of field trips and other learning 66 hours	66
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Laboratory reports	field reports	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project reports	individual report	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation	group presentations	30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/
Additional Course Information	Enrollment Procedure: The actual capacity of this course is limited and will vary year by year, regardless of the quota set. So, interested student must apply for the course with a short proposal (2 pages max.) and CV via e-mail to Prof. M Yasuhara (yasuhara@hku.hk) and Ms. Rachel Wong (rppwong@hku.hk) not later than 1st August (Note: this is 2nd semester course, but we need applications well in advance, by this date). Late applications will not be accepted. The proposal should include the following: (1) specific reason(s)/motivation why you are interested in joining this course; (2) merit that you expect to receive from this course, especially regarding your future academic/career path; (3) brief description of academic interests. The CV should include: (1) Personal & academic details; (2) ID photograph; (4) GPA; (5) Pre-requisite courses taken & grades received. The selection will be made based on the quality of proposal and the justification of academic merit, in considering other factors. Only accepted students through this application process will be able to register this course. The residential field trip will be organized in the reading week. Students will need to pay for their own travel cost for the trip (please contact us for details & financial difficulty). It will be good to take this course before taking the final year project to have relevant hands-on experience. This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment no. and availability of teachers.

ENVS3028	**Coastal Sustainability (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	8
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences *(rajan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G A Williams,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof T Vengatesen,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	- Understand the primary drivers of biodiversity and ecosystem function in rocky intertidal, mangrove and coral reef ecosystems in USA and SE Asia. - Gain an appreciation for how urban ecosystems in this region are being affected by climate change, development and stress from pollution - Better understand how history and governance structures of Hong Kong, Malaysia and New England constrain and/or facilitate coastal adaptation strategies - Appreciate how cultural practices such as seafood preferences and traditional medicine affect harvesting of marine species, and how this impacts coastal biodiversity		
Course Contents & Topics	The majority of the Earth's population now lives in coastal cities, where people not only depend on ocean resources, but are also experiencing ever increasing threats from the ocean environment. This program will explore the mechanisms by which coastal communities in the US and SE Asia are facing these expanding challenges, including their impacts on coastal ecosystems. Using a comparative approach, students will explore the diverse challenges facing coastal societies, and will gain an in-depth understanding of coupled human-natural systems on the coasts of New England and Southeast Asia (Hong Kong and Malaysia). By comparing and contrasting both ecosystems and societies, students will develop an appreciation for both the commonalities of challenges facing the world's coasts, as well as differences that occur due to local ecology. A major emphasis of the program will be on solutions, and how by taking a global perspective we can accelerate methods for climate change adaptation that span traditional cultural barriers. We will blend studies of threats facing both human and natural systems in Hong Kong, Malaysia and the Gulf of Maine with an in-depth exploration of how those societies have (or have not) enacted solutions to those challenges.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	Articulating similarities and differences between how coupled human-natural systems operate in SE Asia and in comparable habitats in the U.S.A.	
	CLO 2	Reading and synthesizing review articles in the primary literature in marine science and social science literature, and explain the connections among these diverse approaches	
	CLO 3	Articulating arguments about how traditional Chinese, Malaysian and American culture affect human impacts on the environment, and to develop potential solutions to these issues based on conversations with peers	
	CLO 4	Becoming comfortable collaborating with peers from U.S.A, and gain a greater understanding of the culture of the region	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 or BIOL3301 or BIOL3305 or BIOL3318 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or EASC3020		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a complex issue of sustainable coastal management in economically and socially developed and developing places.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to a complex issue of sustainable coastal management in economically and socially developed and developing places	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to a complex issue of sustainable coastal management in economically and socially developed and developing places.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve coastal problems.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Field camps		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		40
Field work		80
Laboratory work	including hands on training	30

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test		30	CLO 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Write ups form the field trips	20	CLO 1
Report	Final lab notebook and associated materials (video diaries and photos)	50	CLO 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	- Duration: around Early July to Early August in each year - All field trips, including the overseas trip to Malaysia and USA, are compulsory - Course fee - please contact the course coordinator 1st week: Lectures, practicals and field trips in the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 2nd week: Lectures and field trips in University Sains Malaysia, Penang (Malaysia) 3rd and 4th weeks: Lectures and field trips in Northeastern University, New England (Boston, USA) This is an introductory overseas experiential learning course designed for all science students as free elective. it is especially suitable for students aiming to major in environmental science, ecology & biodiversity or biological

	sciences. "Note: Field trips in New England (Boston, USA) will NOT be considered for assessment and, therefore, those field trips in USA are only exploratory in nature and are NOT part of any HKU's credit bearing course".

ENVS3202	**Plant ecophysiology and climate change (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Wu, Biological Sciences *(jinwu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Wu,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	In this course students will learn different quantitative methods for measuring and evaluating climate change impacts on terrestrial ecosystems. This interdisciplinary course draws on aspects of plant physiology ecology and ecosystem ecology to describe impacts and patterns of global change. We will explore how the "breathing" of the biosphere impacts and is impacted by climate change by scaling plant physiology from leaf to canopy, and ultimately to global scales. Students will examine the biophysical processes that affect the exchange of material (e.g. CO2 flux and water vapor) and energy between terrestrial biosphere and the atmosphere. In addition, students will learn cutting-edge techniques to help monitor, model and diagnose these processes		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Overview of plant ecophysiology, with particular focus on the interactions between plants and climate. 2. Fundamental biophysical principles that regulate the strengths of ecosystem metabolism (i.e. photosynthesis, transpiration and etc). 3. Introduction to various remote sensing and modelling approaches to quantify the impacts of climate variability on plant metabolism (e.g. proximate and satellite remote sensing, ecosystem modelling, biological scaling processes, etc). 4. Case studies introducing practical applications of cutting edge technology to current ecological and environmental issues.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the fundamental principles that regulate terrestrial ecosystem metabolism CLO 2 understand the basic of remote sensing data and how to analyze remote sensing data for plant ecophysiology CLO 3 understand how to use scientific understanding of plant physiology and remote sensing data to help explain several pressing environmental problems associated with global climate change		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or EASC2404. Priority will be given to students majoring in Environmental Science, Biological Science, and Earth System Science.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery of the course material. Show strong ability for analytical, critical and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show evidence of analytical, critical thought to some complex issues. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show evidence of some critical and logical thinking abilities. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of the course material and a limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of course material with very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Lack of critical thinking abilities and incoherent thinking. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		12
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		90

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	home work (30%) and lab. assignment (20%)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Presentation		10	CLO 1, 3

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	The major course objectives will be assessed by examining the biophysical processes that affect the transfer of momentum, energy and material (water, CO2, and atmospheric trace gases) between terrestrial biosphere and the atmosphere. Key instrumentation and associated multi-scale measurements of this course are also discussed. This course complements the content covered in EASC3405 Environmental Remote Sensing, but students may take this course before or after having taken EASC3405.

ENVS3401	**Understanding tropical ecosystems in a changing world (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L A Ashton, Biological Sciences *(lashton@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof L A Ashton,School of Biological Sciences) (Prof. T C Bonebrake,School of Biological sciences)		
Course Objectives	In this field course, students will learn how to use natural history and ecology to answer important environmental questions relevant to tropical ecoystems. Through field studies in both degraded and prisitine habitats, students will gain an understanding of the major drivers of ecosystem change and biodiversity loss in a tropical landscape in		

	Sabah, Borneo and learn about measures to mitigate the impacts of human activities in these vital ecosystems. Students will work in groups to develop and carry out a research project to address ecological or environmental questions. After the field portion of the course, students will write up the results of their projects in the style of a scientific paper.
Course Contents & Topics	Tropical rainforests are the most biologically rich terrestrial ecosystems, providing important environmental services such as nutrient cycling, carbon storage and new medicines. Rainforests are under increasing anthropogenic pressure due to logging, burning and conversion to agriculture, as well as climate change. Effective conservation efforts over the next few decades are essential if we are to slow down our impacts on these vital ecosystems. In this course, through a series of lectures, tutorials and fieldwork, students will learn about tropical rainforest ecosystems, investigate the environmental impacts of land use change, and discuss conservation measures which can help mitigate these impacts. Students will also learn techniques for designing and carrying out field research projects, and about the importance of data generated from research to inform efforts to minimize the impact of human activities in such important ecosystems. The bulk of the course will be carried out in Danum Valley, a primary tropical rainforest located in Sabah, Malaysia. We will visit some sites impacted by human activities, including palm oil plantations, to observe how land-use changes impact biodiversity and observe in situ conservation efforts. Students will work in groups to conduct research projects which will tie together the concepts learned through the lectures and field trips
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate an understanding of the importance of ecological and natural history knowledge for conservation CLO 2 understand the major impacts of human activity on tropical rainforest ecosystems CLO 3 work collaboratively to design and carry out a research project (collect and analyze data and present results) on an ecological or environmental topic CLO 4 carry out a range of field sampling and observational techniques for collecting data in the field
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2102.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Ability to apply knowledge of the natural history of a tropical rainforest and ecological studies to conservation ecology. Produce a scientific paper that is written at high enough quality for publication. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show very good analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Ability to apply knowledge of the natural history of a tropical rainforest and ecological studies to conservation ecology. Produce a well written scientific paper. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Able to apply some knowledge of the natural history of a tropical rainforest and ecological studies to conservation ecology. Produce a scientific paper that communicates your results. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, but not original thought. Limited ability to use knowledge of natural history of a tropical rainforest and ecological studies to conservation ecology. Produce a scientific paper that communicates your results. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. No demonstration of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Not able to apply knowledge of the natural history of a tropical rainforest, ecological studies to conservation ecology. Fail to produce a standard scientific paper.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures	Briefing at HKU on field course activities	2
Field work	10 days field work experience	40
Laboratory work	Lab work during the field trip	30
Tutorials	Lectures/workshops during field trip	10
Presentation	Presentation during the field camp, based on the research proejct	5
Reading / Self study	Preparation of report after the field trip	40

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test	Oral presentation: Prentation during the field camp, based on the research proejct	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	Field journal: Students will create a natural history field journal, with scientific drawings and observations	20	CLO 2
Report	Journal-style paper based on the research carried out on the field course	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	For ENVS3401, the enrollment will be during the 2nd Semester add/drop period. This is an overseas experiential learning course designed for ENVS/E&B/ESS Major/Minor students as free elective. It is especially suitable for students aiming to major in environmental science, ecology & biodiversity or biological sciences. As the field experience will be held in June, if final year students successfully meet the graduation requirement by completing ENVS3401 in the 2nd Semester, their degree will be conferred during the Winter congregation.

ENVS3402	**Qualitative data, social science methods and decision-making in environmental science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025

Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof H Mumby, Biological Sciences *(hsmumby@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof H Mumby,Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course will introduce social science and qualitative approaches in environmental science. We will introduce the historical context and philosophical background to different approaches to environmental sciences. The course will then take a case study-based approach, using the case studies to introduce methodologies and methods. These include the ethical process, collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data from focus groups, surveys, interviews and questionnaires. We will also discuss wider methodologies including ethnographic approaches. Attention will be paid to suitability of methods to research questions, how studies are conducted and what analyses are used. We will also investigate how these data are or can be integrated into decision-making processes, including different tools that can be used for decision-making.		
Course Contents & Topics	-Research philosophy- how researchers approach questions in environmental science -Research methodology- the rationale and framework for research -Ethical considerations, concepts of 'bias', objectivity, truths and the role of the researcher -Methodologies including biographical techniques, ethnography and case studies. -Methods, sampling data and analyses, including questionnaires and surveys, interviews, focus groups, and decision-making tools.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 Determine and distinguish a range of social science approaches and qualitative data analysis techniques		
	CLO 2 Design a study appropriate for the research question using those approaches and techniques		
	CLO 3 Discuss the philosophical and epistemological background of different approaches to environmental science questions		
	CLO 4 Critically evaluate studies using social science and/or qualitative approaches.		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in ENVS2002		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery of the course material. Show strong ability for analytical, critical and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show evidence of analytical, critical thought to some complex issues. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show evidence of some critical and logical thinking abilities. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of the course material and a limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of course material with very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Lack of critical thinking abilities and incoherent thinking. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials	Lab sessions	12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test		10	CLO 1
Assignments	Group practicals	30	CLO 2, 3, 4
Essay		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Project reports	Individual positionality statement 15%, individual output from R report 15%	30	CLO 2, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Methods in Ecology and Evolution (2018) Special Feature: Qualitative methods for eliciting judgements for decision making, Volume 9, Issue 1, pp 1-206. This entire special issue contains papers on the topic. Moon et al. (2019) Expanding the role of social science in conservation through an engagement with philosophy, methodology, and methods. Methods in Ecology and Evolution. Volume 10 pp 294-302. Mukherjee et al. (2019) Response to Expanding the role of social science in conservation through an engagement with philosophy, methodology and methods. Methods in Ecology and Evolution. Volume 10 pp 303-307

ENVS3403	**Spatial analysis in environmental biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,School of Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	In this course students will learn how to apply spatial data analyses to environmental and ecological applications, to design studies which account for spatial and temporal variation, and to effectively use industry standard GIS programs to explore spatial patterns and phenomena. The tools and methods presented in this course will provide a strong foundation for students aiming at addressing environmental problems and develop environmental management and conservation prioritisation approaches in both the public and private sector, as well as those students interested in an academic career.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Spatial data for environmental assessments: types of data, understanding their value and limits 2. Spatial data collection: basic data sampling approaches, spatial aspects of field data collection, designing studies to collect and analyse spatial data 3. Spatial thinking: how to ask questions when assessing environmental problems with spatial dimensions and how to select appropriate data		

	4. How to understand ecological patterns and how to analyse them 5. Spatial data in climate studies: understanding climate related tools and approaches in spatial analysis, applying spatial models to understand potential impacts of climate change 6. Spatial modelling and target setting 7. Automatizing spatial analysis in R
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Understand and obtain spatial data from multiple sources, understand data limits and integration CLO 2 Design studies which use spatial data, and to select and analyse data appropriately CLO 3 Understand the applications of spatial analysis for modelling diversity patterns and using these types of technique to develop targets and understand environmental impacts CLO 4 Create basic R scripts to process spatial data
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or EASC2402 or BIOL2306
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show very good analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, but not original thought. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. No demonstration of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Laboratory reports	7 reports x 10%	70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	For ENVS3403, the enrollment will be during the 2nd Semester add/drop period.

ENVS4110	**Environmental remediation (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Biological Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives	To introduce students with the environmental fate information of different pollutants/contaminants in the environment To understand the technologies available for environmental remediation of pollutants in soils and water, and the characteristics of each techniques relevant to the pollutants of concern To learn the fundamental physical, chemical and biochemical reactions involved in the remediation process To obtain skills for critical analysis of the recent technological development and the proposed applications
Course Contents & Topics	Understanding the types of different pollutants and their fate in the environments including both terrestrial and aquatic; and relevant strategy of pollution control and treatment; advanced oxidation, microbiological treatment and phytoremediation; mechanisms of biochemical transformation of polyaromatic hydrocarbon, polychlorinated biphenols, agrichemicals and phthalate esters as well as both metals and metalloids; biochemical pathways and the specific genes involved in detoxification; chemotaxis and engineering the degradation pathways in bacteria; transport of microorganisms and monitoring in subsurface environment; survival of introduced organisms; evolution of the degradative genes in bacteria; in situ and ex situ remediation techniques; green technologies.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain the remediation technologies available to the type of pollutants of concern in remediation practice CLO 2 propose remediation strategies for polluted sites with the best technologies available considering the type of pollutants and the cost involved CLO 3 differentiate the technologies available for the specific pollutants and the fundamental process involved in terms of the catalysts and the effectiveness CLO 4 describe several key chemical and biochemical processes used in environmental remediation with adequate background information on their history and development
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL3109 or BIOL3110 or BIOL3401 or ENVS3042
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Thorough grasp of the subject matter. Show very strong analytical and critical abilities and high logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** General but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. General but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately

		effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		8
Field work		6
Project work		6
Tutorials		4
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		5	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	C.J. Hurst: Manual of Environmental Microbiology (ASM Press, 2nd edition) S.C. McCutcheon & J.L. Schnoor: Phytoremediation: Transformation and Control of Contaminants (Wiley) R. Mitchell & J-D Gu: Environmental Microbiology (Wiley-Blackwell, 2nd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	The course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers. Offer in alternative year from 2011-2012

CAES1000	**Core University English (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	English	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A Yau, English *(aliceyhy@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A Yau,Centre for Applied English Studies)		
Course Objectives			
Course Contents & Topics	The Core University English (CUE) course aims to enhance first-year students' academic English language proficiency in the university context. CUE focuses on developing students' academic English language skills for the Common Core Curriculum. These include the language skills needed to understand and produce spoken and written academic texts, express academic ideas and concepts clearly and in a well-structured manner and search for and use academic sources of information in their writing and speaking. Four online-learning modules through the Moodle platform on academic speaking, academic grammar, academic vocabulary, citation and referencing skills and avoiding plagiarism will be offered to students to support their English learning. This course will help students to participate more effectively in their first-year university studies in English, thereby enriching their first-year experience.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 identify and distinguish between main ideas and supporting details in lectures and written texts and demonstrate an understanding of the arguments / facts expressed		
	CLO 2 form and express personal opinions through critical reading and listening		
	CLO 3 argue for and defend a position in a clear and structured way using academic sources, through writing and speaking		
	CLO 4 demonstrate control of grammatical accuracy and lexical appropriacy in academic communication		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Excellent to outstanding result. Students are able to produce spoken and written academic texts which are at all times appropriately structured. Students can clearly and concisely explain academic concepts and critically argue for a detailed position. Students always use appropriate academic sources to support their ideas in writing and speaking. They cite and reference correctly at all times. Students demonstrate an ability to fully comprehend and critically interpret spoken and written texts. Written language contains very few, if any, systematic errors in grammar and vocabulary. Spoken language is always comprehensible and fluent.
B	Good to very good result. Students are able to produce spoken and written academic texts which are appropriately structured with only minor errors. Students can almost always clearly and concisely explain academic concepts and almost always critically argue for a detailed position. Students almost always use appropriate academic sources to support their ideas in writing and speaking. They cite and reference correctly with only a few non-systematic errors. Students can comprehend and interpret texts with ease, although they may miss some implied meanings and opinions. Written language is mostly accurate but contains a few systematic errors in complex grammar and vocabulary. Spoken language is mostly comprehensible and fluent.
C	Satisfactory to reasonably good result. Spoken and written academic texts produced by students are sometimes not-well structured but there is some evidence of this ability. Students are sometimes unable to clearly and concisely explain academic concepts. While they can argue for a position, it is not very detailed and tend to be simplistic rather than critical. Students sometimes use sources which are nonacademic and/or not appropriate to support their ideas in writing and speaking. There are some systematic errors in citation and referencing but also evidence of correct systematic use. Students have some difficulty comprehending and critically interpreting texts. They can always understand the main ideas but may miss some of the writer's views and attitudes. Written language is sometimes inaccurate, although errors, when they occur, are more often in complex grammar and vocabulary and there is some evidence of control of simple grammatical structures. Spoken language is generally comprehensible and fluent but at times places strain on the listener.
D	Barely satisfactory result. Spoken and written academic texts produced by students are often inappropriately structured but there may be some evidence of this ability. Students are often unable to clearly and concisely explain academic concepts and argue for a position. There is some evidence of an ability to explain academic concepts but not to critically argue for a position. Students often use sources which are nonacademic and/or not appropriate to support their ideas in writing and speaking. There are many systematic errors in citation and referencing however there is evidence of an understanding of some of the conventions of citation and referencing. Students often have difficulty comprehending and interpreting texts, sometimes failing to understand the main ideas and writer's views and attitudes. Written language is often inaccurate containing errors in a range of simple and complex grammar and vocabulary. Spoken language is only sometimes comprehensible and fluent, and strain is frequently placed on the listener.
Fail	Unsatisfactory result. Productive skills are too limited to be able to successfully carry out spoken and written assessments. Texts are unstructured and unclear. Students are unable to follow and interpret texts. There are language errors in almost every sentence. Spoken language is often incomprehensible. Assessments may not have been attempted or contain plagiarism.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		30
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		84

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Assignments	report	40	
Essay		30	
Presentation	individual presentation	30	

CAES1001	**Academic Communication in English (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	English	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A Yau, English *(aliceyhy@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A Yau,Centre for Applied English Studies)		

Course Objectives

The course aims to help students develop academic English literacy to succeed in their university studies by achieving the following objectives:

CO1: Develop students' critical reading and information literacy skills essential for university studies
CO2: Enhance students' abilities in critical thinking, logical reasoning, and effective argumentation in academic discourse
CO3: Foster students' academic English language skills necessary for critical and innovative written, spoken and visual communication
CO4: Cultivate students' awareness and skills of using technology critically and ethically for engaging with academic discourse

Course Contents & Topics

The course is designed to equip first-year undergraduate students with a solid foundation in academic English literacy to succeed in their university studies. The course is dedicated to nurturing students' competencies in an English-medium university environment and fostering their confidence in effective oral, written, and visual communication. This is achieved by cultivating students' critical reading skills, information literacy skills, and digital literacy skills for academic English learning. The course also provides students with a comprehensive understanding of academic rhetoric across different mediums, including written, spoken, and visual tasks. By familiarizing students with the key genres and communication conventions in university education, the course empowers students to apply the acquired knowledge and skills to Common Core Courses.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	demonstrate abilities to synthesize and critically evaluate academic information to produce written, spoken, and visual texts
CLO 2	develop an academic position using evidence-based arguments
CLO 3	communicate clearly and effectively using appropriate academic genre features in written, spoken, and visual tasks
CLO 4	utilize digital tools appropriately and effectively to enhance their academic communication

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

NIL

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail

Distinction	
Pass	Students are able to produce written, spoken, and visual academic texts which are generally well-structured. They can often explain academic concepts clearly and concisely. Students can usually argue for an academic position. They usually use reliable evidence from academic sources and sound reasoning to support their ideas in written, spoken, and visual tasks. They often cite and reference sources correctly. Students can usually comprehend and evaluate written, spoken, and visual academic texts. Written language is generally concise and accurate. Spoken language is generally comprehensible and fluent. The use of digital tools, including the use and design of visuals, is generally appropriate and effective.
Fail	Productive skills are too limited to be able to successfully carry out written, spoken, and visual assignments. Texts are unstructured and unclear. Students are unable to follow and evaluate academic sources, nor can they use reliable evidence from those sources and sound reasoning to produce written, spoken, and visual academic texts. There are language errors in almost every sentence. Spoken language is often incomprehensible. The use of digital tools, including the use and design of visuals, is inappropriate and ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course

N

Course Type

Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials	course preparation	12
Reading / Self study		48
Assessment		24

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Assignments	Written assignment (students will draft and write on a topic using academic sources)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation	Individual presentation with visuals (students will give an in-class individual presentation on an academic topic with visuals)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website

https://caes.hku.hk/caes1001/

CAES9820	**Academic English for science students (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	English	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Ms M Zee, English *(melaniez@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Ms M Zee,Centre for Applied English Studies)		
Course Objectives	This 6-credit English-in-the-Discipline course aims to develop students' professional and technical communication skills for disciplinary studies in the sciences. There are three main components in the course: 1) Writing a popular science article 2) An oral presentation and 3) Independent language learning. Students will learn rhetorical skills for presenting and explaining scientific concepts to a cross-disciplinary and non-specialist audience in both written and spoken communication. Students will also be given an opportunity to design a personalised language learning plan, carry out the plan and reflect on their own independent language learning experience.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics covered in the course will be: - Finding, evaluating and using appropriate academic source materials; - Compiling an academic bibliography; - Contrasting academic and popular genres of Science; - Writing for a specific audience, including stance, shared knowledge, levels of formality; and - Organizing and articulating ideas in an academically suitable format including appropriate vocabulary and grammar; and - Critically examine their own language proficiency and analyze how that relates to their ability to perform successfully within their discipline. Developing self-directed learning strategies.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 identify and summarize disciplinary sources related to a specified topic CLO 2 produce texts (written and spoken) appropriate for a cross-disciplinary audience based on their disciplinary knowledge CLO 3 identify their own language learning needs and implement a plan to meet those needs		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Excellent result. Consistently demonstrates ability to summarize salient points accurately from appropriate and reliable sources using original language. Text uses sources appropriately and demonstrates accurate and appropriate grammatical, lexical and organizational characteristics. Language learning needs are clearly identified and aligned with evidence of planning, self-study and reflection.
B	Good to very good result. Usually demonstrates ability to summarize salient points accurately using mostly original language. Text mostly uses sources appropriately and demonstrates mostly accurate and appropriate grammatical, lexical and organizational characteristics. Language learning needs are stated with some reference to evidence of planning and reflection although there is some misalignment between goals and self-study completed.
C	Satisfactory to reasonably good result. Demonstrates some ability to summarize salient points using mostly original language although some inaccuracies are present. Text uses some sources appropriately and demonstrates appropriate but simple grammatical and lexical characteristics with some organizational flaws. Language learning needs are stated with some limited evidence of planning and reflection but goals and self-study are misaligned.
D	Barely satisfactory result. Demonstrates a limited ability to summarize salient points from sources with inaccuracies and little original language. Text uses sources inappropriately and demonstrates grammatical inaccuracy, inappropriate lexical choices and organizational flaws. There is a minimal statement of language learning needs, planning and reflection with little or no apparent alignment between goals and self-study.
Fail	Unsatisfactory result. Does not demonstrate ability to summarize salient points identify, interpret or appropriately paraphrase reliable sources. Text uses no sources and demonstrates serious grammatical, lexical and/or organizational errors. Does not demonstrate any meaningful attempt to identify language learning needs or implement a plan.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Tutorials	seminars	36
Reading / Self study		120
Assessment	independent learning work	84

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Test		25	
Assignments	independent learning work	20	
Essay	other genres of writing	55	

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Course materials to be provided electronically through course website.
Course Website	http://caes.hku.hk/caes9820/
Additional Course Information	This a compulsory course for all students studying undergraduate degrees in the Faculty of Science.

CAES9821	**Professional and technical communication for statistical sciences (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	English	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Ms M Zee, English *(melaniez@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Ms M Zee,Centre for Applied English Studies)		
Course Objectives	This 6-credit English-in-the-Discipline course aims to develop students' professional and technical communication skills for disciplinary studies in statistical sciences. There are two main components in the course: 1). Case study report writing, 2). professional oral presentation. Students will learn rhetorical skills for presenting and explaining statistical data and trends, and justifying analyses and recommendations convincingly in both written and spoken communication. This will be achieved through analysing samples of case study reports and presentations using a genre-based approach. Students of the BSc(Actuarial Science) and BASc(Applied AI) are required to take this course. Students who intend to major in decision analytics, risk management, and statistics are strongly encouraged to take this course. Knowledge of linear statistical modelling, covered in courses such as STAT3600 and STAT3907, is recommended but not assumed. Students majoring in mathematics may take this course if they are interested in broadening their computational skills acquired from their discipline to include effective communication in data analytics. Students from other science disciplines should take CAES9820.		
Course Contents & Topics	There are two main components in the course: 1. Case study report writing 2. Professional oral presentation Students will learn rhetorical skills for presenting and explaining mathematical and statistical data and trends, and justifying analyses and recommendations convincingly in both written and spoken communication. This will be achieved through analysing samples of case study reports and presentations using a genre-based approach.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 present and explain mathematical and statistical data and trends using appropriate rhetorical skills		
	CLO 2 organize and articulate coherent ideas with appropriate language devices in a case study report and an oral presentation		
	CLO 3 justify analyses and recommendations convincingly in a case study report and an oral presentation		
	CLO 4 identify their own language learning needs, develop independent learning strategies to address those needs, and reflect on their own independent language learning experience		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Wholly appropriate productive skills displaying a complete awareness of audience, purpose and structure across all disciplinary work. Students are able to critically analyse a case scenario, convincingly justify analyses and recommendations, and discuss data limitations when relevant. Students are able to successfully evaluate their language performance in all areas and propose specific and relevant future language learning plans. Spoken language is fully comprehensible and fluent. Written language contains a sophisticated range of grammar and vocabulary, with very few systematic errors.
B	Mostly appropriate productive skills displaying good awareness of audience, purpose and structure, although there are occasional lapses in areas. Students are able to analyse a case scenario, justify analyses and recommendations, and discuss data limitations when relevant. Students are able to evaluate their language performance in most areas and propose relevant future language learning plans. Spoken language is comprehensible and fluent. Written language contains a good range of grammar and vocabulary, making some systematic errors of language which generally do not impede understanding.
C	Productive skills are generally appropriate for the intended audience. There is an overall sense that the work is communicating successfully. Purposes are generally clear and tone is generally suitable. Students are generally able to analyse a case scenario and make recommendations, but the analysis and recommendations need more justification. Students are able to evaluate their language performance in a limited number of areas and proposed future language learning plans are rather vague. Spoken language is generally comprehensible and fluent. Written language contains inaccuracies when complex grammar and vocabulary are used.
D	Productive skills display weaknesses in awareness of purpose and audience. Tone is at times unsuitable. Students superficially analyse a case scenario, and the analyses and recommendations are vague. The structure is generally appropriate although links between sections may be lacking. Students are able to evaluate their language performance only in few areas and the proposed future language learning plans may not be relevant. Written language contains frequent errors in complex grammar and vocabulary, but the written work can still be followed by a patient and sympathetic audience. Spoken language is comprehensible and quite fluent, but stain is at times placed on the listener.
Fail	Productive skills show little or no awareness of audience or are too limited to be able to successfully carry out tasks. Students are unable to analyse a case scenario and make reasonable recommendations. Ideas are incoherent, vague and unstructured. Students are not able to evaluate their language performance and propose future language learning plans. There are frequent language errors in both simple and complex grammar in written work, which impede successful comprehension of ideas and points. Spoken language places considerable strain on the listener throughout. Assessments may not have been attempted or contain plagiarism.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	seminars	30
Tutorials	small group tutorials	6
Reading / Self study		120
Assessment	independent learning work	84

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Assignments		40	
Project reports		30	
Presentation		30	

Additional Course Information	Students of the BSc (Actuarial Science) and BASc(Applied AI) are required to take this course. Students who intend to major in decision analytics, mathematics, risk management, and statistics are strongly encouraged to take this course. Students from other science disciplines should take CAES9820.

CHEM1041	Foundations of chemistry (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	Quota	70
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A T L Li, Chemistry *(litla@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A M Y Yuen,Chemistry) (Dr A T L Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The course aims to provide students who do not have HKDSE Chemistry or an equivalent background but are interested in exploring Chemistry further, with an understanding of the essential fundamental principles and concepts of chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topic 1: Introduction to Chemistry: Atoms and the Periodic Table Topic 2: Chemical Bonding and Structures Topic 3: Mole concepts and Stoichiometry Topic 4: Types of Chemical Reactions: Acid-base and Redox reactions Topic 5: Introduction to Chemical Equilibrium Topic 6: Introduction to Carbon Compounds		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge and understanding in relation to some chemical vocabulary, terminology and conventions
CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of chemical stoichiometry, the properties of liquids and solids, the nature of gases, phase changes, chemical bonding and structures, and the nature of chemical equilibria
CLO 3	apply the theories and concepts introduced in the course to solve problems, perform calculations, make predictions and rationalize trends
CLO 4	organize and present chemical ideas in a clear, logical and coherent way
CLO 5	demonstrate awareness and appreciation of the relevant applications of chemistry in society and in everyday life

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	No pre-requisite. This is a bridging course for students without high school chemistry background but are keen to equip themselves with a foundation of chemistry. Students taking this course are expected to work hard by doing active self-reading in order to be able to cope with this course which should not be seen as an easy course (for those with no chemistry background). Not for students with Level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or having taken any level 1 Chemistry course or above or any equivalent Chemistry course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show thorough grasp of the subject. Demonstrate strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show substantial grasp of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	(Textbook for the course) Petrucci; Herring; Madura; Bissonnette: General Chemistry - Principles and Modern Applications, latest edition, Pearson. (Other reference books) Brown; LeMay; Bursten; Murphy; Woodward; Stoltzfus: Chemistry - The Central Science, latest edition, Pearson. Tro: Chemistry - A Molecular Approach, latest edition, Pearson. Robinson; McMurry; Fay: Chemistry, latest edition, Pearson.
Additional Course Information	Suggested follow-up course: CHEM1042 General Chemistry I

CHEM1042	General chemistry I (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	Quota	450
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A T L Li, Chemistry *(litla@hku.hk)*		

Teachers Involved	(Dr A T L Li,Chemistry)
Course Objectives	The course aims to provide students with a solid foundation of the basic principles and concepts of chemistry. It also provides students with hands-on training of basic laboratory skills and techniques including volumetric analysis, preparation, purification and characterization of chemical substances and some basic instrumental methods. Students will be equipped with a good foundation of theoretical and practical knowledge and skills for further studies in Chemistry.
Course Contents & Topics	1. Atoms: the quantum world Electromagnetic radiation and matter; Planck's quantum theory; the Bohr model of the hydrogen atom; the quantum mechanical model of the atom; quantum numbers, energy levels, and atomic orbitals; shapes of atomic orbitals; electron configurations; periodic trends. 2. Chemical bonding and structures Review on covalent, ionic and metallic bond. Molecular structures (VSEPR, VB theory) and intermolecular forces. 3. Thermodynamics Heat, work, internal energy and enthalpy; the First Law of thermodynamics; Hess's Law; introduction to entropy and spontaneity of changes. 4. Chemical kinetics Reaction rate; factors that influence reaction rate; rate laws: differential and integrated rate laws; effects of temperature and catalysts in reaction rate; energy profile and reaction mechanisms. 5. Acid-base equilibria Acid-base concepts; strength of acids/bases; equilibria in solutions of weak acids/bases; ionisation constants; acid-base properties; molecular structure and acid-base behaviour; buffer solutions; acid-base indicators; volumetric analysis involving acids and bases
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate a basic knowledge and understanding of the microscopic nature of atomic structure and concepts of chemical bonding and their relationships with the bulk properties of matter CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding in relation to thermodynamics and kinetics of reactions as well as aqueous equilibria including acid-base equilibria CLO 3 apply the theories and concepts introduced in the course to solve problems, perform calculations, make predictions and rationalize trends CLO 4 carry out chemical experiments with proper procedures, record experimental oberservations accurately, and interpret and evaluate the experimental data CLO 5 organize and present chemical ideas in a clear, logical and coherent way CLO 6 demonstrate awareness and appreciation of the relevant applications of chemistry in society and in everyday life
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent or a pass in CHEM1041. Not for students having taken any level 1 Chemistry course (except for CHEM1041) or above or any equivalent Chemistry course.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show thorough grasp of the subject. Demonstrate strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Show highly effective lab skills and techniques. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show substantial grasp of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show effective lab skills and techniques. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate partially effective lab skills and techniques. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
Test	(or Assignment)	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
Laboratory reports	including lab-class performance & pre-lab assignments	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	(Textbook for the course) Petrucci; Herring; Madura; Bissonnette: General Chemistry - Principles and Modern Applications, latest edition, Pearson. (Other reference books) Brown; LeMay; Bursten; Murphy; Woodward; Stoltzfus: Chemistry - The Central Science, latest edition, Pearson. Tro: Chemistry - A Molecular Approach, latest edition, Pearson. Robinson; McMurry; Fay: Chemistry, latest edition, Pearson.
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must attend ALL lab classes, complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM1043	**General chemistry II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	280
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A T L Li, Chemistry *(litla@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A T L Li,Chemistry) (Prof D L Phillips,Chemistry) (Prof S K Lee,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course is a continuation of CHEM1042 General Chemistry I. It aims to further consolidate some of the important fundamentals of chemistry that underlie many topics and principles across the physical sciences. The course prepares students to pursue a major in chemistry or in other aspects that require a good foundation in chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Gases Simple gas laws; ideal gas equation; gases in chemical reactions; mixture of gases; kinetic-molecular theory of gases; diffusion and effusion; non-ideal gases. 2. Structure and Bonding: The Delocalized Approach: Molecular Orbital Theory Bonding in homonuclear and heteronuclear diatomic molecules of first and second period of elements; bonding in some simple polyatomic molecules; bonding in metals (band theory). 3. Solutions and their Properties Types of solutions; intermolecular forces and the solution process; solution formation and equilibrium; solubilities of gases; vapor pressures of solutions; osmotic pressure; freezing-point depression and boiling-point elevation of nonelectrolyte solutions; solutions of electrolytes; colloidal mixtures. 4. Solubility and Complex-Ion Equilibria Solubility product constant; relationship between solubility and Ksp; common-ion effect in solubility equilibria; limitations of the Ksp concept; precipitation; solubility and pH; equilibria involving complex ions; qualitative cation analysis. 5. Spontaneous Change Entropy change; second law and third law of thermodynamics; Gibbs free energy change of a system; Gibbs free energy of reactions; coupled reactions 6. Electrochemistry Electrode potentials and their measurement; standard electrode potentials; Ecell, delta G, and K; Ecell as a functions of concentrations; batteries; corrosion; electrolysis; industrial electrolysis processes.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the properties and behavior of gases and apply gas laws and kinetic-molecular theory to processes involving gases	
	CLO 2	demonstrate a knowledge and understanding in relation to solutions and their properties, solubility and complex-ion equilibria, and also electrochemistry	
	CLO 3	apply molecular orbital theory to explain the formation and properties of diatomic molecules of first and second period of elements and of some simple polyatomic molecules	
	CLO 4	demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the relationship between free energy and spontaneity of reaction	
	CLO 5	apply the theories and concepts introduced in the course to solve problems, perform calculations, make predictions and rationalize trends	
	CLO 6	organize and present chemical ideas in a clear, logical and coherent way	
	CLO 7	demonstrate awareness of the relevant applications of chemistry in society and in everyday life	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show thorough grasp of the subject. Demonstrate strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show substantial grasp of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Required/recommended reading and online materials	(Textbook for the course) Petrucci; Herring; Madura; Bissonnette: General Chemistry - Principles and Modern Applications, latest edition, Pearson. (Other reference books) Brown; LeMay; Bursten; Murphy; Woodward; Stoltzfus: Chemistry - The Central Science, latest edition, Pearson. Tro: Chemistry - A Molecular Approach, latest edition, Pearson. Robinson; McMurry; Fay: Chemistry, latest edition, Pearson.			

CHEM1044	**Mathematics in chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	80
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A M Y Yuen, Chemistry *(maiyan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A M Y Yuen,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	Mathematical calculations are necessary to explore important concepts in chemistry. This course aims to equip students with a basic knowledge of some of the mathematics that will be used in courses covered in the Chemistry-major curriculum to enable them to apply the mathematical skills to problems in chemistry. Students taking this course are expected to already have achieved level 2 or above in Module 1 or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or a pass in MATH1011 University Mathematics I. As far as possible, the mathematical concepts covered in this course will be put in the context of chemical problems.		
Course Contents & Topics	Applying mathematical tools, such as Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Complex number, Vector, Matrix, Linear equation, Differential equation, in solving chemistry problems.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the essential mathematics used in chemistry CLO 2 apply mathematical skills to solve basic problems in chemistry CLO 3 be more capable of coping with a higher level of mathematics required in relevant courses for chemistry major, in particular, in physical chemistry courses		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042 or already enrolled in this course; and Level 2 or above in Module 1 or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1011 or SCNC1111		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrates poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	mid-term test	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Graham Doggett, Martin Cockett: Maths for Chemists, 2nd Edition, RSC Erich Steiner: The Chemistry Maths Book, 2nd Edition, Oxford University Press			

CHEM2041	**Principles of chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	140
Course Co-ordinator	Dr I K Chu, Chemistry *(ivankchu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is designed for non-chemistry major students covering basic principles of chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Gas Laws and the Kinetic Theory of Gases Thermodynamics: work, heat, the zeroth and first law of thermodynamics, internal energy, enthalpy, heat capacities, thermochemistry, Hess's Law, Kirchhoff's Law, the second and third laws of thermodynamics, entropy, Gibbs free energy, spontaneity, equilibrium, coupled reaction; Transport Phenomena: diffusion, viscosity of gases, diffusion in liquids and viscosity of liquids, ionic conduction; Chemical Kinetics: rate of reactions, orders of reactions, rate laws, reaction mechanism, experimental measurement of reaction rates, enzyme kinetics, enzyme inhibition, temperature effect on rates; Chemical Equilibrium; Equilibria in single-, and two component systems: phase transitions, phase diagrams and the phase rule, chemical potential; liquid/liquid systems; Introduction to acids and bases: calculation on concentration of different chemical species in a solution, diprotic and		

	polyprotic acids, activity; Introduction to Spectroscopy: UV/Visible absorption spectroscopy, Beer-Lambert Law; IR Spectroscopy, identification of functional groups; NMR Spectroscopy, Larmor frequency & chemical shift, peak integral, spin-spin coupling multiplicities; Mass Spectrometry, isotopic distribution, determination of molecular formulae.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain the principles of the thermochemistry, chemical kinetics, chemical equilibrium, physical properties of solutions and gases CLO 2 explain the principles of the spectroscopy, and spectrometry
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042; and Not for students who have passed in CHEM2341, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in CHEM2441, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in CHEM2541, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for Chemistry major students.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemistry, instrumentations and applications of spectrometry and spectroscopy for chemical analysis. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and strong ability to analyze problems related to general chemistry and spectroscopy. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemistry, instrumentations and applications of spectrometry and spectroscopy for chemical analysis. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and ability to analyze problems related to general chemistry and spectroscopy. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemistry, instrumentations and applications of spectrometry and spectroscopy for chemical analysis. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and to analyze problems to most familiar situations to general chemistry and spectroscopy. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemistry, instrumentations and applications of spectrometry and spectroscopy for chemical analysis. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations related to general chemistry and spectroscopy. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemistry, instrumentations and applications of spectrometry and spectroscopy for chemical analysis. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations related to general chemistry and spectroscopy.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / / 36 Tutorials / / 12 Reading / Self study / / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / / 75 / CLO 1, 2 Assignments / / 25 / CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Spectroscopy for the biological science, by Gordon G. Hammes, Wiley-Interscience (2005)

CHEM2241	**Analytical chemistry I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	120
Course Co-ordinator	Prof I K Chu (1st sem); Prof E C M Tse (2nd sem), Chemistry *(ivankchu@hku.hk; ecmtse@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof I K Chu,Chemistry) (Prof E C M Tse,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The course aims to introduce the basic principles of chemical analysis. The principles of chemical measurement, including error analysis, quality assurance and calibration, data acquisition and processing, will be discussed with reference to methods of chemical analysis that are based on chemical equilibrium and stoichiometric reactions. The laboratory classes will include experiments demonstrating modern approaches of data acquisition and processing as well as chemical analysis based on chemical equilibrium.		
Course Contents & Topics	Measurement: analog and digital measurement, accuracy and precision, comparing means and deviations, calibration curves and least square method for linear plots Quality assurance: validation of analytical procedures Chemical equilibrium and chemical analysis: aqueous solution and chemical equilibrium; analysis by acid-base reactivity, complexation reactivity, precipitation reactivity		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain the basic principles of chemical measurements CLO 2 explain the principles of classical methods of chemical analysis such as acid-base neutralization CLO 3 use laboratory apparatus for chemical analysis		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042; and Pass in CHEM1043, or already enrolled in this course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show evidence of strong analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and ablility to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate highly proficient lab skills and techniques and critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Demonstrate highly effective organization and presentation skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of analytical abilities and logical thinking, some evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate proficient lab skills and techniques and correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate effective organization and presentation skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Show evidence of some analytical abilities and logical thinking, little evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Demonstrate adequate lab skills and		

		techniques and mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate moderately effective organization and presentation skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Show evidence of limited analytical abilities, little or no evidence of independent thinking, and limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate partially effective lab skills and techniques and limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate limited or barely effective organization and presentation skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Show little or no evidence of analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques and misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate incoherent organization and poor presentation skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Skoog, West, Holler and Crouch, "Fundamentals of Analytical Chemistry", latest edition, Cengage Learning
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM2341	**Inorganic chemistry I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	120
Course Co-ordinator	Prof H Y Au Yeung, Chemistry *(hoyuay@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A M Y Yuen,Chemistry) (Prof H Y Au Yeung,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with the basic principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry and to introduce their relevance to biological processes and materials science. This course provides the foundation for further studies in inorganic chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Acid-base concept; structure and bonding of transition metal complexes and main group compounds; electronic absorption and magnetic properties of metal complexes; chemical reactions of metal complexes: redox and substitution; chemistry of selected main group elements and transition metal complexes and their relevance to biology and materials.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
CLO 1	understand the basic principles and concepts of inorganic chemistry and appreciate their relevance to selected examples of biological processes and materials science
CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the acid-base concept and definition
CLO 3	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the structure and bonding of main group compounds and transition metal complexes and their relevance to the electronic absorption and magnetic properties of transition metal complexes
CLO 4	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the thermodynamic stability of metal complex formation and the thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of substitution and redox reactions
CLO 5	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the role of main group elements and transition metal complexes in bioinorganic chemistry

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042; and Pass in CHEM1043, or already enrolled in this course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to acid-base concept; structure and bonding of main group compounds and metal complexes; electronic absorption spectroscopy, magnetic properties as well as thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal complexes and their reactions; and their relevance to biological processes and materials science. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show strong ability to analyze novel problems and critical use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate highly effective basic laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and characterization of inorganic compounds and metal complexes.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to acid-base concept; structure and bonding of main group compounds and metal complexes; electronic absorption spectroscopy, magnetic properties as well as thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal complexes and their reactions; and their relevance to biological processes and materials science. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show evidence to analyze novel problems and correct use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate effective basic laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and characterization of inorganic compounds and metal complexes.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to acid-base concept; structure and bonding of main group compounds and metal complexes; electronic absorption spectroscopy, magnetic properties as well as thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal complexes and their reactions; and their relevance to biological processes and materials science. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate moderately effective basic laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and characterization of inorganic compounds and metal complexes.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to acid-base concept; structure and bonding of main group compounds and metal complexes; electronic absorption spectroscopy, magnetic properties as well as

		thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal complexes and their reactions; and their relevance to biological processes and materials science. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate partially effective basic laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and characterization of inorganic compounds and metal complexes.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to acid-base concept; structure and bonding of main group compounds and metal complexes; electronic absorption spectroscopy, magnetic properties as well as thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal complexes and their reactions; and their relevance to biological processes and materials science. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate minimally effective basic laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and characterization of inorganic compounds and metal complexes.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	F. A. Cotton ; G. Wilkinson ; P. L. Gaus : Basic Inorganic Chemistry (John Wiley & Sons, 1995, 3rd ed.) P. Atkins, T. Overton, J. Rourke, M. Weller and F. Armstrong: Shriver & Atkins Inorganic Chemistry (Oxford University Press, 2006, 4th ed.)
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM2441	**Organic chemistry I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	200
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S K Lee (1st sem); Prof XY Chen (2nd sem), Chemistry *(skchem@hku.hk; aspen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof A M Li,Chemistry) (Prof S K Lee,Chemistry) (Prof X Y Chen,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with the basic principles to understand the structure and reactivity of organic molecules, with examples illustrating the role of organic chemistry in daily life and industry. This course serves as the first part of the complete program on fundamental organic chemistry, to be followed up by CHEM3441 Organic Chemistry II.		
Course Contents & Topics	Structure and bonding of organic compounds, three dimensional structures of organic molecules, conformational stereochemistry, chirality. Chemistry of alkanes, cycloalkanes, alkenes, alkynes, haloalkanes, dienes, alcohols, thiols, and ethers. Organometallic chemistry for organic synthesis. Principles of organic synthesis. Detailed considerations of reaction mechanisms.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	visualize and draw stereochemically correct representations of three-dimensional organic molecules
CLO 2	define, classify, and name chirality, stereoisomers and diastereomers
CLO 3	understand the basic mechanism types: electrophilic addition, SN1, SN2, E1, E2, and radical propagation mechanisms
CLO 4	apply the basic mechanisms to rationalize the conditions and derive the outcomes of the reactions of alkanes, alkyl halides, alkenes, dienes, alkynes, alcohols, ethers, epoxides, and organometallic compounds
CLO 5	understand the structure, and bonding of alkanes, alkenes, alkynes and dienes
CLO 6	apply reactions to the synthesis of target alkane, alkyl halide, alkene, diene, alkyne, alcohol, ether, epoxides, and bifunctional molecules
CLO 7	appreciate the relevance of organic chemistry in biological processes and daily life

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042; and Pass in CHEM1043, or already enrolled in this course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate a thorough mastery at an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of facts and concepts pertaining to the chemical properties, reactions and mechanisms of organic chemistry. Show a strong ability to integrate knowledge and theory, and a strong ability to analyze and solve novel organic chemistry problems. Demonstrate highly effective organization, understanding, and execution of lab skills and techniques in organic chemistry experiments.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts and concepts pertaining to the chemical properties, reactions and mechanisms of organic chemistry. Show evidence of ability to integrate knowledge and theory, and evidence of ability to analyze and solve novel organic chemistry problems. Demonstrate effective organization, understanding, and execution of lab skills and techniques in organic chemistry experiments.
C	Demonstrate a general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts and concepts pertaining to the chemical properties, reactions and mechanisms of organic chemistry. Show evidence of some ability to integrate knowledge and theory, and evidence of some ability to analyze novel problems. Show a mostly correct use of knowledge to solve most familiar problems. Demonstrate adequately effective organization, understanding, and execution of lab skills and techniques in organic chemistry experiments.
D	Demonstrate a partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts and concepts pertaining to the chemical properties, reactions and mechanisms of organic chemistry. Show evidence of limited ability to integrate knowledge and theory, and a limited ability to analyze novel problems. Show some correct but also erroneous use of knowledge to solve most familiar problems. Demonstrate a partially effective organization, understanding and application of lab skills and techniques in organic chemistry experiments.

	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts and concepts pertaining to the chemical properties, reactions and mechanisms of organic chemistry. Show little or no evidence of ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and little or no ability to analyze novel problems. Show little or no evidence of ability to solve most familiar problems. Demonstrate minimal or no organization, understanding and application of lab skills and techniques in organic chemistry experiments.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Tutorials		36
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Assignments	(Assignments and participation)	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Organic Chemistry, by Paula Y. Bruice, 8th Global Edition, Chapters 1-12.
Additional Course Information	This course will be conducted as a blended learning course, in which the teaching material will be delivered using videos, along with face-to-face and online tutorials.

CHEM2442	**Fundamentals of organic chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	100
Course Co-ordinator	Prof P H Toy, Chemistry *(phtoy@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof P H Toy,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The major objective of this course is to give the students a basic understanding of organic chemistry, especially in the context of daily life. This will be achieved through the introduction of the chemistry of organic functional groups that form the basis of organic molecules. The concepts presented in the lectures will be reinforced by a series of laboratory experiments.		
Course Contents & Topics	The chemistry of organic functional groups such as alkenes, alkynes, alkyl halides, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids and their derivatives, and amines will be discussed, as will the general concepts of molecular structure, conformation and stereochemistry.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	demonstrate basic understanding of the structure of organic molecules
CLO 2	demonstrate basic understanding of the reactivity of organic molecules
CLO 3	appreciate how organic chemistry plays an important role in everyday life

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042; and Not for students who have passed CHEM2441, or have already enrolled in this course.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar problems.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of organic chemistry with a broad range of knowledge, and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar problems.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar problems.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		20
Tutorials		5
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test	(test/quiz)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Bruice, P.Y.; Essential Organic Chemistry (Pearson, 2016, 3rd edition)
Additional Course Information	Students who are planning to take CHEM3441 should take CHEM2441. Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and take a written laboratory test in order to pass this course.

CHEM2443	**Fundamentals of organic chemistry for pharmacy students (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Dr P H Toy, Chemistry *(phtoy@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr P H Toy,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The major objective of this course is to give pharmacy students a basic understanding of organic chemistry, especially in the context of daily life. This will be achieved through the introduction of the chemistry of organic functional groups that form the basis of organic molecules. The concepts presented in the lectures will be reinforced by a series of laboratory experiments.		
Course Contents & Topics	The chemistry of organic functional groups such as alkenes, alkynes, alkyl halides, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids and their derivatives, and amines will discussed, as will the general concepts of molecular structure, conformation and stereochemistry.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	demonstrate basic understanding of structure of organic molecules	
	CLO 2	demonstrate basic understanding of the reactivity of organic molecules	
	CLO 3	appreciate how organic chemistry plays an important role in everyday life	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042; and Not for students who have passed CHEM2442, or already enrolled in this course. (This course is for BPharm students only)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar problems.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of organic chemistry with a broad range of knowledge, and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar problems.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar problems.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		20
	Tutorials		5
	Reading / Self study		100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	Test/Quiz	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Bruice, P.Y.; Essential Organic Chemistry (Pearson, 2016, 3rd edition)		
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.		

CHEM2541	**Introductory physical chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	100
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Y Tang, Chemistry *(jinyao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Y Tang,Chemistry) (Prof R H Dong,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The course aims to provide a rigorous understanding of equilibrium thermodynamics and chemical kinetics. Students are required to apply mathematical skills (derivations, integrations, and statistics) and fundamental physics to understand chemical reactions and related processes. Topics include the three laws of thermodynamics, thermodynamic properties of mixtures, solutions, chemical equilibrium, electrochemistry, rates of chemical reactions and reaction dynamics. Students will gain a good foundation of knowledge and skills for further study in advanced Physical Chemistry. Due to the involvement of math knowledge in this course, students are strongly encouraged to enroll in CHEM1044 Mathematics in chemistry, before enrolling in this course, if possible. An adequate maths background should benefit students in getting more learning this course.		
Course Contents & Topics	The First Law of Thermodynamics Basic concepts of work, heat, energy, expansion work, heat transactions, enthalpy and adiabatic changes and examples in relation to biochemistry and materials science. The Second and Third Laws of Thermodynamics Direction of spontaneous change, entropy and the Third Law of Thermodynamics. Gibbs relationships and the development of thermodynamics to material science, information sciences. The application of three laws of thermodynamics for classical systems as well as new applications. Simple Mixtures		

	The thermodynamics of phase equilibrium and surface. Thermodynamic description of mixtures, partial molar quantities, and chemical potentials of liquids. Activities of solvent, solute, regular solutions and ions in solution. The example in binary mixture will be discussed. Chemical Equilibrium Spontaneous chemical reactions, the Gibbs energy minimum and equilibrium. Response of equilibria to pressure, temperature. Electrochemistry Electrochemical cell, relationship of electrochemical potential to thermodynamic functions. Applications of electrochemistry in energy, material science, sensing. Rates of Chemical Reactions Empirical chemical kinetics including experimental methods, rates of reactions, integrated rate laws and temperature dependence of reactions and Reaction mechanism. The electrochemistry dynamics and basic knowledge in enzyme chemistry.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the properties of gases, molecules in motion and the rates of chemical reactions CLO 2 understand and demonstrate knowledge of the three laws of thermodynamics CLO 3 understand and apply the concepts of chemical equilibrium and the response of chemical equilibria to temperature and pressure CLO 4 understand and demonstrate knowledge of electrochemistry and its relationship to thermodynamics, can build electrochemical cell and calculate thermodynamic functions from electrochemical reactions CLO 5 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic reaction dynamics including reaction mechanism and how mechanism determines reaction rate law
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM1042 and CHEM1043 Student are recommended (but not required) to take CHEM1044 before (or along with) taking this course.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show thorough grasp of the subject. Demonstrate strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show substantial grasp of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Demonstrate evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		45	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Test		20	CLO 1, 2
Assignments	(30% Assignments; 5% participation)	35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Required textbook: 'Physical Chemistry' by P. W. Atkins, latest edition Recommended Book: 'Physical Chemistry' 6th edition by Ira N. Levine

CHEM3141	**Environmental chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y X Li, Chemistry *(yxpli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y X Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces students to Environmental Chemistry and enables them to understand the chemical principles involved in various environmental phenomena and processes.		
Course Contents & Topics	Atmosphere chemistry: atmospheric composition and behavior, ozone, air pollution Energy and climate change: energy resources, carbon emission, and climate change Water chemistry: water resources, water pollution, water purification, and water crisis. Pollutants: persistent organic pollutants, pesticides, toxic heavy metals, toxicology Waste treatment: landfill, incineration Big data analysis in environmental science		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge on chemical principles of the various environmental phenomena and processes CLO 2 describe the practical processes of chemistry in atmosphere, water purification, waste treatment, and energy production CLO 3 critically discuss local and global environmental issues based on scientific principles and data CLO 4 apply knowledge to analyze chemical processes involved in various environmental problems
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2241 or CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2442 or CHEM2541 For those who have not got the above pre-requisite but with a pass in CHEM1042 and a pass in ENVS2001, and will work hard to cope with the course, they are welcome to join the course.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** - Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. - Demonstrate integration of the full range of appropriate theories, principles, and evidence. - Show evidence of strong analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and ablility to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. - Demonstrate highly effective organization and presentation skills. **B** - Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. - Demonstrate general integration of theories, principles, and evidence. - Show evidence of analytical abilities and logical thinking, some evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. - Demonstrate effective organization and presentation skills. **C** - Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. - Demonstrate some partial integration of theories, principles, and evidence. - Show evidence of some analytical abilities and logical thinking, little evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. - Demonstrate moderately effective organization and presentation skills. **D** - Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. - Demonstrate limited integration of theories, principles, and evidence. - Show evidence of limited analytical abilities, little or no evidence of independent thinking, and limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. - Demonstrate limited or barely effective organization and presentation skills. **Fail** - Demonstrate little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. - Demonstrate little or inapt integration of theories, principles, and evidence. - Show little or no evidence of analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. - Demonstrate incoherent organization and poor presentation skills.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		3
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	30% Assignment 1 (poster presentation); 20% Assignment 2 (two short quizzes)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	C. Baird and M. Cann: Environmental Chemistry, Freeman, latest edition. S.E. Manahan: Environmental Chemistry, Lewis Publishers, latest edition.

CHEM3142	**Chemical process industries and analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G K Y Chan, Chemistry *(hrsccky@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G K Y Chan,Chemistry) (Visiting Professor,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To familiarize with typical chemical industries important in local and global economy. To understand the technology of chemicals manufacturing and chemical processes in general industry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Process flow charts, units and conversions, materials and energy balances, unit operations. Selection of chemical processes to include variation in products, scale, and types of operation, e.g. for petrochemical industries, industrial gases, beverage processes, chloroalkaline manufacturing.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 solve basic problems of energy and mass balances in chemical and environmental processes CLO 2 be familiarized with a few common chemical industries and chemical processes CLO 3 understand some general principles of industrial practice through plant visits		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2241 or CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2442 or CHEM2541		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough knowledge of industrial chemical processes and mastery of mass and energy balance skills required for attaining all of the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to solve problems in a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Critical use of data and sourcing of references. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial knowledge of industrial chemical processes and command of mass and energy balance skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to solve problems in familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Correct use of data and sourcing of references. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete knowledge of industrial chemical processes and command of mass and energy balance skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge solve problems to most familiar situations. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and references. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited knowledge of industrial chemical processes and command of mass and energy balance skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and source references. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of knowledge of industrial chemical processes and command of mass and energy balance skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Misuse of data and references. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		

Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Laboratory	computational laboratory		12
	Field work	1 - 2 plant visits		12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	(continuous assessment)	20	CLO 1, 2
	Test	(test/quiz)	25	CLO 1, 2
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		5	CLO 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Felder and Rousseau: Elementary Principles of Chemical Processes			
Additional Course Information	Laboratory courses are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.			

CHEM3143	**Introduction to materials chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y F Wang, Chemistry *(wanglab@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y F Wang,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course provides an introduction to materials chemistry. The goal is to present the fundamental knowledge of various types of materials including their structure, synthesis, and properties. This course is essential for students who wish to take advanced materials course.		
Course Contents & Topics	Classification of materials; structure of crystalline solids; phases and phase transformation; defects and mechanical properties; alloys and ceramics; introduction to soft matter; structure, synthesis, and properties of polymers; colloids; liquid crystals; viscoelasticity; applications of materials; characterization techniques.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe different materials classification and their composition, structures, and properties, and to apprehend the concept of structure/property relationship	
	CLO 2	explain different structures and phases, phase transformation in solid materials	
	CLO 3	understand defects in crystalline solid materials and relate them with mechanical properties	
	CLO 4	appreciate soft materials and some examples and characteristics	
	CLO 5	understand the concept of molecular weight distribution in polymers, and explain the effect of polymerization kinetics to their properties	
	CLO 6	identify examples of some important materials, and explain their structure-property relationship	
	CLO 7	demonstrate knowledge in materials characterizations	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2441; and Pass in CHEM2541 or CHEM2341		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough knowledge of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories related to classification of materials. Show deep understanding of materials structures at different length scales and the relationship with materials properties particularly for classical solid materials and soft materials. Show extensive knowledge in synthesis, characterization and applications of common polymers. Demonstrate strong ability to apply/integrate knowledge and theory related to the synthesis and applications of materials. Show strong ability to analyze novel problems and critical use of data/experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions related to materials synthesis/characterization.	
	B	Demonstrate thorough knowledge of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories related to classification of materials. Show deep understanding of materials structures at different length scales and the relationship with materials properties particularly for classical solid materials and soft materials. Show extensive knowledge in synthesis, characterization and applications of common polymers. Demonstrate evidence to apply/integrate knowledge and theory related to the synthesis and applications of materials. Show evidence to analyze novel problems and critical use of data/experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions related to materials synthesis/characterization.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories related to classification of materials. Show some but insufficient understanding of materials structures at different length scales and the relationship with materials properties particularly for classical solid materials and soft materials. Show some knowledge in synthesis, characterization and applications of common polymers. Demonstrate evidence to apply/integrate knowledge and theory related to the synthesis and applications of materials. Show ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data/experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions related to materials synthesis/characterization.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories related to classification of materials. Show deep understanding of materials structures at different length scales and the relationship with materials properties particularly for classical solid materials and soft materials. Show limited knowledge in synthesis, characterization and applications of common polymers. Demonstrate evidence but limited ability to apply/integrate knowledge and theory related to the synthesis and applications of materials. Show limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data/experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions related to materials synthesis/characterization.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories related to classification of materials. Show little or no understanding of materials structures at different length scales and the relationship with materials properties particularly for classical solid materials and soft materials. Show little or no knowledge in synthesis, characterization and applications of common polymers. Demonstrate limited or no evidence of ability to apply/integrate knowledge and theory related to the synthesis and applications of materials. Show little or no ability to analyze novel problems and use of data/experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions related to materials synthesis/characterization.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
	Test	(mid-term tests and assignments)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Required/recommended reading and online materials	W. D. Callister: Materials Science and Engineering: An Introduction (8th or 9th edition) F. W. Billmeyer: Textbook of Polymer Science (John Wiley and Sons, 1984) G. Odian: Principles of Polymerizations (John Wiley and Sons, 2004) M. P. Stevens: Polymer Chemistry: An Introduction (Oxford University Press, 1999)			

CHEM3144	**Fundamentals of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K K H Ng, Chemistry *(kkhn3@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K K H Ng,Chemistry) (Prof X Y Chen,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy is one of the most powerful and versatile analytical techniques for chemists studying the conformational, structural, and dynamic properties of a wide range of materials: from small organic molecules, organometallic species, up to macromolecules and polymers. However, the associated theories and concepts in NMR can appear formidable. As a consequence, a modern NMR spectrometer is often treated as a 'black box', which could lead to the inadvertent generation of artefacts and misinterpretation of experimental data. This course aims to provide students with both the fundamental theories of NMR spectroscopy and hands-on training at the spectrometer, thus allowing them to gain a genuine understanding of the subject, and be competent in setting up experiments and obtaining reliable data independently.		
Course Contents & Topics	In this course, we will explore the capabilities of the NMR 'black box' and develop a deeper understanding of the physical origins of the phenomenon of magnetic resonance. Building upon the basic theory of nuclear magnetism, we shall employ the semi-classical vector model and cover topics from chemical shifts and scalar couplings to more advanced concepts like the nuclear Overhauser effect (nOe), relaxation, dynamic NMR, and polarisation transfer. We will also develop a qualitative understanding of basic NMR pulse sequences, which are at the heart of modern NMR spectroscopy. In parallel, students will gain hands-on experience at the spectrometer during the laboratory sessions, performing a range of NMR experiments. These include simple 1D acquisitions, heteronuclear decoupling, selective excitation, nOe, and 2D experiments. The course emphasises the practical aspects of NMR experiments, focusing on how to acquire valid and reliable data. Data processing techniques will also be introduced.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	account for the theoretical foundation of NMR spectroscopy and relate NMR parameters such as chemical shift, scalar coupling constants, and relaxation time constants to molecular structure	
	CLO 2	analyse and understand commonly employed one-dimensional NMR pulse sequences using basic NMR theory	
	CLO 3	select suitable NMR experiments for structure elucidation of organic and organometallic complexes and investigation of dynamic equilibria	
	CLO 4	perform common NMR experiments and analyse, interpret, present and document the results	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2241 or CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2541		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate a thorough grasp of the knowledge and skills required in both theory and laboratory work regarding nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy as described in the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical abilities, critical and logical thinking and capability to apply and integrate knowledge learnt to solve related issues and problems. Display highly effective organisation and presentation skills during assessments.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial knowledge and skills required in both theory and laboratory work for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show reasonable analytical abilities, critical and logical thinking and capability to apply and integrate knowledge learnt to solve related issues and problems. Display effective organisation and presentation skills during assessments.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required in theory and laboratory work required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show analytical abilities, critical and logical thinking and capability to apply and integrate knowledge learnt to solve related issues and problems. Display some organisation and presentation skills during assessments.	
	D	Demonstrate partial and limited command of knowledge and skills required in theory and laboratory work for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show limited analytical abilities, critical and logical thinking and capability to apply and integrate knowledge learnt to solve related issues and problems. Display poor organisation and presentation skills during assessments.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required in theory and laboratory work for attaining the course learning outcomes. Show little analytical abilities, critical and logical thinking and capability to apply and integrate knowledge learnt to solve related issues and problems. Display lack of organisation and presentation skills during assessments.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials		8
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 3
	Project report		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. J. Hore: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (Oxford University Press, 2nd Edition, 2015) James Keeler: Understanding NMR Spectroscopy (Wiley, 2nd Edition, 2010) David P. Goldenberg: Principles of NMR Spectroscopy: An Illustrated Guide (University Science Books, 2016)
Additional Course Information	References to specialized texts and other published materials will be made throughout the course.

CHEM3146	**Principles and applications of spectroscopic and analytical techniques (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	200
Course Co-ordinator	Dr X Li, Chemistry *(xiangli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To cover the principles and applications of modern practical spectroscopic and analytical techniques. This course is a pre-requisite for the advanced chemistry courses.		
Course Contents & Topics	UV-Visible Absorption Spectroscopy, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy, Mass Spectrometry, Infra-red Spectroscopy, Elemental Analysis, Molecular Formulas and analysis of data.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the basic principles and applications of IR, UV/Vis, MS and NMR spectroscopic techniques CLO 2 describe and explain the terminology of IR, UV/Vis, MS and NMR spectroscopies CLO 3 perform chemical structure elucidation and analysis based on UV/Vis, MS and NMR spectroscopic data		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in any CHEM2XXX level course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test	(2 quizzes)	15	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		15	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Donald L. Pavia, Gary M. Lampman, George S. Kriz: Introduction to Spectroscopy (Thomson Learning, 2001, 3rd & 4th edition) W. Kemp: Organic Spectroscopy (Macmillan, 1991, 3rd ed.)
Additional Course Information	Suggested follow-up course: CHEM3241

CHEM3241	**Analytical chemistry II: chemical instrumentation (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	80
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y Li, Chemistry *(yingli0e@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof I K Chu,Chemistry) (Prof Y Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To cover the basic principles and applications of chemical instrumentation. This course aims to provide working knowledge, in addition to the principles, of instruments that are commonly used in chemical laboratories.		
Course Contents & Topics	Optical methods: Beer's Law; UV-visible, infrared, and atomic spectrometry; fluorescence; atomic mass spectrometry; grating spectrometer; photon detectors and thermal detectors. Separation methods: partition; chromatography theories; high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and gas chromatography (GC); instrumental set up of HPLC and GC. Mass spectrometry: fundamental concept of mass spectrometry; electrospray ionization (ESI) and matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization (MALDI); time-of-flight (TOF) and quadrupole (Q) mass analyzers.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain the principles of the optical methods, separation methods, and mass spectrometry CLO 2 describe the basic experimental set up and the properties of the basic components of the instruments used in the laboratory classes CLO 3 apply experimental skills in chemical analysis including sample preparation, standard solution preparation, instrument calibration, and matrix effects correction (standard additions)		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2241		

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	- Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of strong analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and ablility to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. - Demonstrate highly proficient lab skills and techniques and critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. - Demonstrate highly effective organization and presentation skills
	B	- Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of analytical abilities and logical thinking, some evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. - Demonstrate proficient lab skills and techniques and correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate effective organization and presentation skills.
	C	- Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of some analytical abilities and logical thinking, little evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. - Demonstrate adequate lab skills and techniques and mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate moderately effective organization and presentation skills.
	D	- Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. - Show evidence of limited analytical abilities, little or no evidence of independent thinking, and limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. - Demonstrate partially effective lab skills and techniques and limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate limited or barely effective organization and presentation skills.
	Fail	- Demonstrate little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. - Show little or no evidence of analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. - Demonstrate minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques and misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate incoherent organization and poor presentation skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		28
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	Midterm	14	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	in-class practise, in-class quiz	12	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		24	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D.A. Skoog, F.K. Holler, S.R. Crouch: Principles of Instrumental Analysis (Thomson, latest edition). D.A. Skoog, D.M. West, F.J. Holler, and S.R. Crouch: Fundamentals of Analytical Chemistry (Thomson, latest edition)
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM3242	**Food and water analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K K H Ng, Chemistry *(kkhn3@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K K H Ng,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To cover areas in the application and new methodology development in analytical chemistry with focus on food and water analysis.		
Course Contents & Topics	Chemical Analysis in Practicing Laboratories: Use of standard methods, guidelines and standards for food and water analysis; good laboratory practice; reliability and quality issues in chemical analysis. Food Analysis: Requirement of nutritional labeling; determination of food nutritional value (e.g. total protein content, sodium content); detection of food adulteration and contamination (e.g. presence of banned additives, toxins, undeclared components); recent issues and case studies in food analysis. Water Analysis: Water quality standards; sampling, pretreatment, storage of water samples; theory and technologies for field, laboratory and automated analysis of selected types of water (e.g. drinking water, recreational water, waste water). Analytical Method Development: Selection, application and combination of analytical (e.g. sample digestion, solid phase extraction) and instrumental (e.g. GC, LC, MS) techniques for food and water analysis; method validation (e.g. recovery analysis, analysis of certified reference materials)		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
CLO 1	identify and communicate the importance of chemical analysis in ensuring food and water safety, and in safeguarding public health
CLO 2	describe and explain the working principles of the various analytical techniques in food and water analysis using both written and oral formats
CLO 3	analyse and present the strengths and limitations of various analytical techniques and select an appropriate, "fit-for-purpose" method
CLO 4	implement various analytical techniques used in practicing food and water laboratories
CLO 5	collect experimental data, perform subsequent analyses, interpret and present the results to peers using both written and oral formats

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2241 or CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2541. Please note that School of Biological Sciences stipulates that students who have passed CHEM3242 are not allowed to take BIOL3209 Food and nutrient analysis.

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate through a thorough grasp of the knowledge and skills required in theory and laboratory work in food and water analysis to acquire accurate results with full interpretation for analytical application as described in all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities, logical thinking and capability to apply knowledge learnt to solve a wide range of complex issues and problems related to the analysis of food and water. Apply highly effective organization and presentation skills as shown in class work.
	B	Demonstrate a substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, logical thinking, and capability to apply knowledge learnt to

		solve a wide range of complex issues and problems related to the analysis of food and water. Apply effective organization and presentation skills as shown in class work.
	C	Demonstrate a general command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge learnt to solve a wide range of complex issues and problems related to the analysis of food and water. Apply effective organization and presentation skills as shown in class work.
	D	Demonstrate a partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes in Food and Water Analysis. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems related to the analysis of food and water. Apply limited or barely effective organization and presentation skill as shown in class work.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence for the command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems related to the analysis of food and water. Organization and presentation skills are minimally effective or ineffective as shown in class work.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		16
Tutorials		8
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		35	CLO 2, 3, 4
Test		10	CLO 2, 3, 4
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
Laboratory reports	(experiment & lab report)	25	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5
Presentation	(Project with presentation)	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D. A. Skoog, D. M. West, F. J. Holler, S. R. Crouch: Fundamentals of Analytical Chemistry (Cengage Learning, 10e) D. C. Harris, C. A. Lucy: Quantitative Chemical Analysis (W. H. Freeman, 10e) S. S. Nielsen (ed.): Food Analysis (Springer, 5e)
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM3243	**Introductory instrumental chemical analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Dr X Li, Chemistry *(xiangli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K C J Wong,Pharmacology and Pharmacy) (Dr X Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed for non-chemistry major students covering basic principles of separation and spectroscopy for chemical analysis. This course provides a general foundation for further studies in pharmacology, life and environmental sciences.		
Course Contents & Topics	Optical methods: Beer's Law; UV-visible, infrared, and atomic spectrometry; fluorescence; atomic mass spectrometry; grating spectrometer; photon detectors and thermal detectors. Separation methods: partition; chromatography theories; high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and gas chromatography (GC); instrumental set up of HPLC and GC. Mass spectrometry: fundamental concept of mass spectrometry; electrospray ionization (ESI) and matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization (MALDI); time-of-flight (TOF) and quadrupole (Q) mass analyzers. NMR: basic principle of nuclear magnetic resonance. Analysis and quality assurance: statistical analysis of small sets of data, control chart.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain the principles of the optical methods, separation methods, mass spectrometry, and NMR CLO 2 describe the basic experimental set up and the properties of the basic components of the instruments used in the laboratory classes		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2041 or CHEM2241; and Not for students who have passed CHEM3241, or have already enrolled in this course.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	- Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of strong analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and ablility to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. - Demonstrate highly proficient lab skills and techniques and critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. - Demonstrate highly effective organization and presentation skills.
	B	- Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of analytical abilities and logical thinking, some evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. - Demonstrate proficient lab skills and techniques and correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate effective organization and presentation skills.
	C	- Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of some analytical abilities and logical thinking, little evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. - Demonstrate adequate lab skills and techniques and mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate moderately effective organization and presentation skills.
	D	- Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. - Show evidence of limited analytical abilities, little or no evidence of independent thinking, and limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. - Demonstrate partially effective lab skills and techniques and limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate limited or barely effective organization and presentation skills.
	Fail	- Demonstrate little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. - Show little or no evidence of analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. - Demonstrate minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques and misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate incoherent organization and poor presentation skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours

	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		28
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		70	CLO 1, 2
	Test		15	CLO 1, 2
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 2

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D.A. Skoog, F.K. Holler, S.R. Crouch: Principles of Instrumental Analysis (Thomson, latest edition). D.A. Skoog, D.M. West, F.J. Holler, and S.R. Crouch: Fundamentals of Analytical Chemistry (Thomson, latest edition)
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM3244	**Analytical techniques for pharmacy students (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	35
Course Co-ordinator	Dr X Li, Chemistry *(xiangli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K C J Wong,Pharmacology and Pharmacy) (Dr X Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The course covers theories and practicals on various analytical techniques used in pharmaceutical industry. Sampling and data analysis, method validation with respect to regulatory guidelines, ultraviolet/visible, infrared, fluorescence, atomic spectrophotometry, separation techniques such as gas chromatography and liquid chromatography, and modern mass spectrometry with its applications in protein sequencing will be covered in this course.		
Course Contents & Topics	Principles and applications of different analytical and measurement techniques in pharmaceutical sciences. Analysis and quality assurance: method validation, sampling, statistics, hypothesis tests Optical spectroscopy: Beer's law, UV/Vis, infrared, fluorescence, and atomic spectroscopy Separation and purification: gas chromatography and liquid chromatography Modern mass spectrometry: ionization techniques (ESI, MALDI), mass analysis techniques (TOF, quadrupole), protein sequencing.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of principles of data analysis, optical spectroscopic methods, separation techniques, and modern mass spectrometry	
	CLO 2	describe the basic experimental setup and the properties of the basic components of the instruments used in the laboratory classes	
	CLO 3	apply experimental skills in experiments including sample preparation, standard solution preparation, instrument calibration, and matrix effect correction	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BPHM2136 (This course is for BPharm students only)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	- Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of strong analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. - Demonstrate highly proficient lab skills and techniques and critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. - Demonstrate highly effective organization and presentation skills.
	B	- Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of analytical abilities and logical thinking, some evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. - Demonstrate proficient lab skills and techniques and correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate effective organization and presentation skills.
	C	- Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. - Show evidence of some analytical abilities and logical thinking, little evidence of independent thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. - Demonstrate adequate lab skills and techniques and mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate moderately effective organization and presentation skills.
	D	- Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. - Show evidence of limited analytical abilities, little or no evidence of independent thinking, and limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. - Demonstrate partially effective lab skills and techniques and limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate limited or barely effective organization and presentation skills.
	Fail	- Demonstrate little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. -.Show little or no evidence of analytical abilities, logical and independent thinking, and very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. - Demonstrate minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques and misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. - Demonstrate incoherent organization and poor presentation skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		28
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		70	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D.A. Skoog, F.K. Holler, S.R. Crouch: Principles of Instrumental Analysis (Thomson, latest edition). D.A. Skoog, D.M. West, F.J. Holler, and S.R. Crouch: Fundamentals of Analytical Chemistry (Thomson, latest edition).
Additional Course Information	This course is for Pharmacy students ONLY. Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM3341	**Inorganic chemistry II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	90
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A M Y Yuen, Chemistry *(maiyan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A M Y Yuen,Chemistry) (Prof V W W Yam,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course is a continuation from CHEM2341 Inorganic Chemistry I, with a more detailed treatment of general inorganic chemistry, with examples relevant to biological processes and material science, suited to the needs of those intending to extend their studies in chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Chemistry of selected classes of inorganic, coordination and organometallic compounds including mechanisms of their reaction where appropriate. Structure, bonding, magnetism and spectral properties of inorganic systems including examples in bioinorganic systems.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge of chemistry of selected classes of inorganic, coordination and organometallic compounds		
	CLO 2 understand structure, bonding, magnetism and spectral properties of inorganic systems		
	CLO 3 understand mechanisms of selected chemical reactions that are essential to coordination and organometallic compounds		
	CLO 4 gain appropriate knowledge of coordination compounds in biological systems		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2341		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to structure and bonding of inorganic, coordination and organometallic compounds; mechanisms of reactions; and magnetic and spectral properties of inorganic systems including examples in bioinorganic systems. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show strong ability to analyze novel problems and critical use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions relating to the essential and more advanced foundation principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate highly effective laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and reactivity study of inorganic compounds and metal complexes, and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to structure and bonding of inorganic, coordination and organometallic compounds; mechanisms of reactions; and magnetic and spectral properties of inorganic systems including examples in bioinorganic systems. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show evidence to analyze novel problems and correct use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the essential and more advanced foundation principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate effective laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and reactivity study of inorganic compounds and metal complexes, and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to structure and bonding of inorganic, coordination and organometallic compounds; mechanisms of reactions; and magnetic and spectral properties of inorganic systems including examples in bioinorganic systems. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the essential and more advanced foundation principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate moderately effective laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and reactivity study of inorganic compounds and metal complexes, and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to structure and bonding of inorganic, coordination and organometallic compounds; mechanisms of reactions; and magnetic and spectral properties of inorganic systems including examples in bioinorganic systems. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the essential and more advanced foundation principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate partially effective laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and reactivity study of inorganic compounds and metal complexes, and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry, especially those related to structure and bonding of inorganic, coordination and organometallic compounds; mechanisms of reactions; and magnetic and spectral properties of inorganic systems including examples in bioinorganic systems. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the more advanced foundation knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Show little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the essential and more advanced foundation principles and knowledge of inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate minimally effective laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and reactivity study of inorganic compounds and metal complexes, and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		18	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		12	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and	Shriver & Atkins, Inorganic Chemistry (7th Edition), Oxford University Press, 2018 Catherine, Housecroft & Sharpe, Inorganic Chemistry (5th Edition), Prentice Hall, 2018

online materials	
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM3342	**Bioinorganic chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof H Z Sun, Chemistry *(hsun@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A T L Li,Chemistry) (Prof H Z Sun,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course is a continuation from Basic Inorganic Chemistry and Basic Organic Chemistry, giving further and more details of inorganic chemistry in biological system, with examples relevance to biological processes and medical science, suited to the needs of those intending to extend their studies in (bio)chemistry and biomedical science.		
Course Contents & Topics	Bioinorganic Chemistry of selected topics of interest. Examples include the inorganic chemistry (and biochemistry) behind the requirement of biological cells for metals such as zinc, iron and copper; and metals in medicine such as mechanisms by which organisms obtain required metal ions from their environment, and use of metal-containing compounds in treating diseases such as cancer.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand the principles and concepts of inorganic/organic chemistry in biological system		
	CLO 2 understand structure, bonding, and spectral properties of selected metals in proteins and nucleic acids		
	CLO 3 understand chemical mechanisms of selected metal homeostasis (i.e. uptake, transport and storage)		
	CLO 4 understand the role of metal complexes medicine		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2341		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry, especially those related to hard-soft acid-base theory; chelation; structure and bonding of metals in biological systems; thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal ions in biological processes and their relevance to metal homeostasis; metal-based drugs. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Show strong ability to analyze novel problems and critical use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Demonstrate highly effective basic techniques, especially in the characterization of inorganic active site and overall metallo-biomolecules.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry, especially those related to hard-soft acid-base theory; chelation; structure and bonding of metals in biological systems; thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal ions in biological processes and their relevance to metal homeostasis; metal-based drugs. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Show evidence to analyze novel problems and correct use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Demonstrate effective basic techniques, especially in the characterization of inorganic active site and overall metallo-biomolecules.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry, especially those related to hard-soft acid-base theory; chelation; structure and bonding of metals in biological systems; thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal ions in biological processes and their relevance to metal homeostasis; metal-based drugs. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Show ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Demonstrate moderately effective basic techniques, especially in the characterization of inorganic active site and overall metallo-biomolecules.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry, especially those related to hard-soft acid-base theory; chelation; structure and bonding of metals in biological systems; thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal ions in biological processes and their relevance to metal homeostasis; metal-based drugs. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Show limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Demonstrate partially effective basic techniques, especially in the characterization of inorganic active site and overall metallo-biomolecules.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry, especially those related to hard-soft acid-base theory; chelation; structure and bonding of metals in biological systems; thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of metal ions in biological processes and their relevance to metal homeostasis; metal-based drugs. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Show little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of bioinorganic chemistry. Demonstrate minimally effective basic techniques, especially in the characterization of inorganic active site and overall metallo-biomolecules.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials	including literature survey & presentation	12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test	(quiz/test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lippard, S. J. and Berg, J. M. Principles of Bioinorganic Chemistry (University Science Books; Mill Valley, CA, 1994 Bertini, I.; Gray, H. B.; Stiefel, E. I.; Valentine, J. S., editors. Biological Inorganic Chemistry: Structure and Reactivity, University Science Books, 2007 Metals and Life, Moore C., RSC Publishing, 2010. Bioinorganic Chemistry: Inorganic Elements in the Chemistry of Life, Kaim W. & Schwederski B., John Wiley & Sons, 2013.

CHEM3441	Organic chemistry II (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	Quota	300
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z X Huang (1st sem); Prof X Y Li (2nd sem), Chemistry *(huangzx@hku.hk; xiaoyuli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X D Li,Chemistry) (Prof X Y Li,Chemistry) (Prof Z X Huang,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	As a continuation from CHEM2441 Organic Chemistry I, this course aims to provide a solid foundation of organic chemistry together with CHEM2441. It focuses primarily on the basic principles to understand the structure and reactivity of organic molecules, with examples illustrating the role of organic chemistry in daily life and industry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Chemistry of common organic functional groups: ketones and aldehydes; carboxylic acids and their derivatives; amines; aromatic compounds. Principles of organic synthesis. Detailed considerations of reaction mechanisms. Spectroscopic tools (UV-Vis, IR, NMR, and MS) for characterization and identification of organic compounds.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 draw correct structural representations of organic molecules CLO 2 understand the basic principles of structure and reactivity of organic molecules CLO 3 determine structures of organic compounds based on spectroscopic data CLO 4 write reasonable mechanisms for transformations of common functional groups (alcohols, ethers, carbonyl compounds, aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, acyl halides, anhydrides, esters, amides, nitriles, and amines) CLO 5 appreciate the importance of organic chemistry in daily life CLO 6 devise synthetic pathways to organic compounds using functional group chemistry		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2441 [Remarks: CHEM3441 has been changed to lecture-based course from semester 2, 2015-16. For Chemistry students who admitted in 2014-15 or before, they must enroll also CHEM3443 for enrolling CHEM3441 (new version without lab component) to meet the Chemistry Major requirements.]		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test	(mid-term test x 2)	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	(assignment x 2)	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	"Organic Chemistry", by Paula Y. Bruice, 2016, 8th Edition, Pearson, with e-text and Mastering Chemistry. Chapters 14-20.

CHEM3442	Organic chemistry of biomolecules (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	Quota	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof P H Toy, Chemistry *(phtoy@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof P H Toy,Chemistry) (Prof Y X Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The major objective of this course is to give the students an understanding and appreciation of the role of organic chemistry in biology and biochemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	The chemistry of organic molecule groups such as carbohydrates, amino acids, peptides, coenzymes, nucleotides and lipids will discussed. Enzyme catalysis, cofactors and inhibitors will also be presented.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 have a basic understanding of biologically important organic molecules CLO 2 have a basic understanding of enzyme catalysis CLO 3 appreciate how organic chemistry plays an important role in biology and biochemistry		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2442 or CHEM3441		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive biomolecule organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar problems. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.

	B	Demonstrate substantial command of biomolecule organic chemistry with a broad range of knowledge, and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar problems. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of biomolecule organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar problems. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of biomolecule organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of biomolecule organic chemistry knowledge, and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	(2-mid term tests)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Bruice, P.Y.; Organic Chemistry (Pearson, 2017, 8th edition), Chapters 20-26.

CHEM3443	**Organic chemistry laboratory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	90
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A M Y Yuen, Chemistry *(maiyan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A M Y Yuen,Chemistry) (Prof J Z Liu,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with intensive hands-on training of experimental chemistry techniques on organic reactions; and the opportunity to develop analytical and critical thinking skills through scientific investigations in organic chemistry experiments. The course focuses on the practical aspects of a variety of organic reactions, including and multistep syntheses. Chromatographic, instrumental, and spectroscopic techniques are also discussed to give a holistic training of experimental organic chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will include the following laboratory skills and practices: laboratory safety practice; preparation, purification, and characterization of organic compounds; gas and liquid chromatography; ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry; infrared spectroscopy; NMR spectroscopy and melting point determination		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 demonstrate a good practice of laboratory safety and exercise proper procedures for safe handling and usage of chemicals
	CLO 2 carry out, record and analyze the results of chemical experiments
	CLO 3 apply modern instrumentation techniques to characterize organic compounds and draw conclusions from the results
	CLO 4 communicate the results of their work to others
	CLO 5 demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking and analytical reasoning

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2441; and pass in CHEM3441, or already enrolled in this course; NOT for students who have passed CHEM3441A in semester 1, 2015-16, or CHEM3441 in or before 2014-2015 (for students admitted in 2014-15 or before) Pass in CHEM2441 or CHEM2442 or CHEM2443; and Pass in CHEM3441 or CHEM3442, or already enrolled in any of these two courses (for students admitted in 2015-16 or thereafter)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate extensive knowledge and thorough command of concepts and principles which are required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Competently conduct experiment with efficient lab skills and techniques. Critically appraise data to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show substantial grasp and mastery of the subject knowledge. Demonstrate evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show effective lab skills and techniques and critical analysis of experimental data. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show general but incomplete grasp of the subject knowledge. Demonstrate evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Demonstrated some ability to analyze experimental data critically. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining course learning outcomes. Ability to recall some of factual information of the subject. Show a partial comprehension of basic concepts and principles and weak ability to apply them. Demonstrate evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate partially effective lab skills and techniques. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Laboratory	12 x 4-hr lab sessions	48
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	(20% practical exam and 30% 2-hr written exam)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Laboratory reports	(Include Lab Quiz 15%, Lab Report and Notebook 25% and Lab Performance 10%)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	John W. Lehman: Operational Organic Chemistry - A Problem-Solving Approach to the Laboratory Course (Pearson, latest edition)			
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.			

CHEM3445	**Integrated laboratory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J He, Chemistry *(jianhe@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J He,Chemistry) (Prof K Okuro,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide students with experience using techniques employed in synthetic organic and organometallic chemistry. This advanced synthesis course covering a variety of synthetic methods, including vacuum and inert atmosphere techniques to prepare organic and organometallic compounds; methods for separation of mixtures and isolation of products by use of column and thin-layer chromatography, sublimation and extraction techniques. Experiments on characterization and identification by chemical and spectroscopic methods form an important part of the course. The use of the chemical literature in molecular design and synthesis planning is also included.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will include the following laboratory skills and practices: laboratory safety practice; molecular design, synthesis planning, experimental set up, purification, and characterization of organic compounds using modern instrumentation techniques.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	Demonstrate a good practice of laboratory safety and exercise proper procedures for safe handling and usage of chemicals	
	CLO 2	Demonstrate proficiency in synthetic chemical laboratory techniques	
	CLO 3	Apply modern instrumentation techniques to characterize organic compounds and draw conclusions from the results	
	CLO 4	Analyze the influence of chemical structure on the physical and chemical properties of organic molecules	
	CLO 5	Demonstrate problem-solving skills, critical thinking and analytical reasoning	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3443 or already enrolled in this course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate extensive knowledge and thorough command of concepts and principles which are required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Competently conduct experiment with efficient lab skills and techniques. Critically appraise data to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show substantial grasp and mastery of the subject knowledge. Demonstrate evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show effective lab skills and techniques and critical analysis of experimental data. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show general but incomplete grasp of the subject knowledge. Demonstrate evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Demonstrated some ability to analyze experimental data critically. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining course learning outcomes. Ability to recall some of factual information of the subject. Show a partial comprehension of basic concepts and principles and weak ability to apply them. Demonstrate evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate partially effective lab skills and techniques. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Laboratory		48
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	(test/quiz)	35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Laboratory reports	(Practical Examination 25%; Lab report 10%; Lab performance 10%)	45	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Presentation		20	CLO 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	John W. Lehman: Operational Organic Chemistry - A Problem-Solving Approach to the Laboratory Course (Pearson, latest edition)			

Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM3541	**Physical chemistry: Introduction to quantum chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	100
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G H Chen, Chemistry *(ghc@yangtze.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G H Chen,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The course presents fundamental principles and topics on quantum chemistry in order to provide a soiled foundation for students intending to further their studies in chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Elementary quantum mechanics: Historical development, Postulates of quantum mechanics, Principles of quantum mechanics, Theory of angular momentum, Heisenberg uncertainty principle. Applications to simple systems: particle in a box, harmonic oscillator, rigid rotator; Atomic structure: Hydrogen and many electron atoms. Molecular structure and chemical bonds. Approximation methods: variational method, Hartree-Fock method, valence bond theory, and perturbation theory.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand and use the terminology and nomenclature in quantum chemistry and topics discussed in the course		
	CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic concepts in quantum mechanics, atomic and molecular structure		
	CLO 3 understand elementary numerical procedures and the basic relationships of quantum mechanics and molecular systems		
	CLO 4 hands-on experience of the application of Hartree-Fock method to molecules		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2541		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with thorough grasp of the subject, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and substantial grasp of the subject, ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and general but incomplete grasp of the subject, ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show partial but limited grasp of the subject, retention of some relevant information of the subject, ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject, very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Tutorials		6
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test	(test/quiz)	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Laboratory reports	(experiment & lab report)	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D. A. McQuarrie: Quantum Chemistry (2nd Edition, 2007) I. N. Levin: Quantum Chemistry (5th Edition, 2008)
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM3542	**Physical chemistry: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Yang, Chemistry *(juny@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Yang,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The course presents fundamental principles and topics on statistical thermodynamics and kinetic theory in order to provide a solid foundation for students intending to further their studies in physical chemistry and related fields.		
Course Contents & Topics	Principles of Statistical Thermodynamics - Statistical model and state distribution for thermodynamics - Statistical entropy - Ensembles and partition functions: microcanonical and canonical - Systems of independent molecules: ideal gas - Molecular degrees of freedom: translation, rotation, vibration, and electronic		

	- Ideal gas mixture: chemical equilibrium - Calculation of free energies in gaseous reaction Chemical equilibrium and kinetics theory - Rate theory: collision theory, transition state theory and applications
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand and use the terminology and nomenclature in statistical thermodynamics and topics discussed in the course CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic concepts in statistical thermodynamics CLO 3 understand correlation between macroscopic observables and microscopic statistical model systems
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2541 and CHEM3541
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics. Demonstrate evidence of strong analytical / critical abilities and logical thinking. Can apply the knowledge to practical questions in Physical Chemistry. **B** Substantial command of knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics. Demonstrate evidence of analytical / critical abilities and logical thinking. Understand the scope of Physical Chemistry questions that can be applied with the knowledge. **C** General but incomplete command of knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics. Demonstrate evidence of analytical thinking. Can apply the knowledge to familiar situations. **D** Partial but limited command of knowledge of knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics. Demonstrate limited evidence of analytical thinking. Understand the question to be solved with knowledge. **Fail** Little or no evidence of command of knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 24 Laboratory / 24 Tutorials / 8 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3 Assignments / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. Atkins: Physical Chemistry (10th edition) K.A. Dill & S. Bromberg: Molecular driving forces: statistical thermodynamics in biology, chemistry, physics and nanoscicence (2nd edition) B. Widom: Statistical Mechanics: a concise introduction to chemists L. Nash: Elements of statistical thermodynamics (2nd edition)
Course Website	Nil
Additional Course Information	There are three mandatory homework assignments. Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM3999	**Directed studies in chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S K Lee, Chemistry *(skchem@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the Department,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed for third year students who would like to take an early experience on research. It offers students an opportunity to carry out small scale chemical projects by themselves.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students interested in taking this course should contact their prospective supervisors in May to determine the contents and the nature of their project in the coming academic year. Prior approval from both the prospective supervisor and the course coordinator is required.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the terminology and nomenclature associated with the small scale chemical project they worked on in the course CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic concepts involved in their chemical project CLO 3 understand the relationships of the their particular chemical project to the wider area of chemistry		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX) in the Chemistry Major including a pass in CHEM2341 or CHEM2441 or CHEM2442 or CHEM2541. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major/ Chemistry Major (Intensive) students only. This course is designed for third year students who would like to take an early experience on research. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Show an extensive comprehension of the subject. Demonstrate very able analytical and critical thought with presence of some originality. Illuminating utilization and critical analysis / evaluation of information acquired from a wide range of high quality sources. Critical employment of data and results to synthesize appropriate and illuminating conclusions. Demonstrate integration of a wide range of appropriate theories, principles, data and methods. Employ very effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should demonstrate substantial additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.] **B** Show a substantial comprehension of the subject. Demonstrate able analytical and critical thinking with use of relevant information from sources. Demonstrate ability to compose meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations. Correct utilization of data and results to form appropriate conclusions. Compose general integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Show a general but incomplete comprehension of the subject. Presence of some analytical and critical thinking with use of relevant information from sources. Demonstrate ability to compose comparisons between different interpretations. Mainly correct but some incorrect utilization of data and results to form appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate some partial integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Show a partial but limited comprehension, with knowledge of some relevant information, of the subject. Presence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show utilization and reference of several sources, but mostly via summary instead of by analysis and comparison. Limited ability to employ data and results to form appropriate		

		conclusions. Demonstrate limited integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform limited or marginally effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Show little or no comprehension of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited employment of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Incorrectly utilize data and results and/or unable to form appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate little or no integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Organization and presentational skills are of very limited use or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Project-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	discussion & meetings to be arranged by the student and the supervisor		120
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Research report	Research (experimental and/or computational study in a research group)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Dissertation	Written report	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Oral presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Recommended reading material will be assigned depending on the project.			
Additional Course Information	Exceptional academic strength of the students is required for taking this course. The course may involve Laboratory component as Course Teaching & Learning Activities.			

CHEM4142	**Symmetry, group theory and applications (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof E C M Tse, Chemistry *(ecmtse@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K K H Ng,Chemistry) (Prof E C M Tse,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To introduce the concepts of symmetry and group theory and to apply them in solving chemical problems. This course also provides an introductory treatment of bonding theories, inorganic electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. This course is essential for students who wish to take advanced courses in inorganic chemistry and all types of spectroscopy.		
Course Contents & Topics	Symmetry elements and symmetry operations; symmetry point groups; reducible and irreducible representations; character tables; direct products; symmetry-adapted linear combinations; projection operators; hybrid orbitals; molecular orbital theory for organic, inorganic and organometallic systems; selected applications in electronic and vibrational spectroscopy.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand the basic principles and concepts of symmetry and group theory and to apply them in solving chemical problems	
	CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the use of character tables and projection operator techniques	
	CLO 3	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of bonding theories involving hybrid orbitals and molecular orbitals for organic, inorganic and organometallic systems	
	CLO 4	demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the application of symmetry and group theory in electronic and vibrational spectroscopy	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3341		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to symmetry and group theory and their applications in solving chemical problems, especially those related to symmetry elements and symmetry operations; symmetry point groups; reducible and irreducible representations; character tables; direct products; symmetry-adapted linear combinations; projection operators; treatment of bonding theories including hybrid orbitals and molecular orbitals for organic, inorganic and orgametallic systems; and applications in electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic principles and concepts of symmetry and group theory and their applications in bonding, and electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show strong ability to analyze novel problems and critical use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions relating to the principles and applications of symmetry and group theory.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to symmetry and group theory and their applications in solving chemical problems, especially those related to symmetry elements and symmetry operations; symmetry point groups; reducible and irreducible representations; character tables; direct products; symmetry-adapted linear combinations; projection operators; treatment of bonding theories including hybrid orbitals and molecular orbitals for organic, inorganic and orgametallic systems; and applications in electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic principles and concepts of symmetry and group theory and their applications in bonding, and electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show evidence to analyze novel problems and correct use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the principles and applications of symmetry and group theory.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to symmetry and group theory and their applications in solving chemical problems, especially those related to symmetry elements and symmetry operations; symmetry point groups; reducible and irreducible representations; character tables; direct products; symmetry-adapted linear combinations; projection operators; treatment of bonding theories including hybrid orbitals and molecular orbitals for organic, inorganic and orgametallic systems; and applications in electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic principles and concepts of symmetry and group theory and their applications in bonding, and electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the principles and applications of symmetry and group theory.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to symmetry and group theory and their applications in solving chemical problems, especially those related to symmetry elements and symmetry operations; symmetry point groups; reducible and irreducible representations; character tables; direct products; symmetry-adapted linear combinations; projection operators; treatment of bonding theories including hybrid orbitals and molecular orbitals for organic, inorganic and orgametallic systems; and applications in electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic principles and concepts of symmetry and group theory and their applications in bonding, and electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show limited ability to	

		analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the principles and applications of symmetry and group theory.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to symmetry and group theory and their applications in solving chemical problems, especially those related to symmetry elements and symmetry operations; symmetry point groups; reducible and irreducible representations; character tables; direct products; symmetry-adapted linear combinations; projection operators; treatment of bonding theories including hybrid orbitals and molecular orbitals for organic, inorganic and orgametallic systems; and applications in electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic principles and concepts of symmetry and group theory and their applications in bonding, and electronic and vibrational spectroscopy. Show little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the principles and applications of symmetry and group theory.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials	or discussion	12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test	(test/project)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	F.A. Cotton: Chemical Applications of Group Theory (Wiley, 3rd ed., 1990)
Additional Course Information	This course is also offered to RPg students, and the course code for RPg students is CHEM6116.

CHEM4143	**Interfacial science and technology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G K Y Chan, Chemistry *(hrsccky@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G K Y Chan,Chemistry) (Visiting Professor,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To understand the science and technology of interfacial phenomena and processes often appeared in high value added products and modern technologies.		
Course Contents & Topics	Physics and Chemistry of Interfaces: coatings and surfactants, colloids and interfaces, wetting, microemulsion, thin films, nanomaterials, porous materials.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 understand interfacial phenomena and their origin from molecular details
	CLO 2 solve problems in interfacial science and technology by applying knowledge of general chemistry, thermodynamics, and kinetics
	CLO 3 be familiarized with technologies that require application of interfacial science, including nanomaterials, nanotechnology, detergency, composite polymers, and porosimetry

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3143 or CHEM3541 or CHEM3542		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough knowledge of interfacial science and technology, and mastery of skills required for attaining all of the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to solve problems in a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Critical use of data and sourcing of references. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial knowledge of interfacial science and technology and command of skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to solve problems in familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Correct use of data and sourcing of references. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete knowledge of interfacial science and technology and command of skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge solve problems to most familiar situations. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and references. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited knowledge of interfacial science and technology and command of skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and source references. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of knowledge of interfacial science and technology, and command of skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Misuse of data and references. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials	or discussion	12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and	Barnes and Gentle: Interfacial Science

online materials	
Additional Course Information	This course is offered every other year.

CHEM4144	**Advanced materials (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof E C M Tse, Chemistry *(ecmtse@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof E C M Tse,Chemistry) (Prof K Okuro,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course is a continuation from Introduction to Materials Chemistry. It provides a more comprehensive overview on materials chemistry and application of materials in advanced technology. The most recent development in materials chemistry will also be discussed.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course covers both hard and soft materials in the macroscale and nanoscale regimes for renewable energy, catalytic devices, sustainable resourcification, wearable biosensors, nanoelectronics, membrane technology, and other specialty applications. Advanced materials synthesis and characterization methods are also introduced.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe the preparation methods of 2D and 3D materials	
	CLO 2	identify morphology-performance relationship in nanomaterials	
	CLO 3	demonstrate knowledge in advanced materials characterization techniques	
	CLO 4	understand the working principles of materials for real-life applications	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3143		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to frontier approach in polymer synthesis, properties, application, and characterization of materials for advanced technology. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the synthesis and applications of advanced materials. Show strong ability to analyze novel problems and critical use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions relating to advanced materials synthesis and their properties.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to frontier approach in polymer synthesis, properties, application, and characterization of materials for advanced technology. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the synthesis and applications of advanced materials. Show evidence to analyze novel problems and correct use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to advanced materials synthesis and their properties.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to frontier approach in polymer synthesis, properties, application, and characterization of materials for advanced technology. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the synthesis and applications of advanced materials. Show ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to advanced materials synthesis and their properties.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to frontier approach in polymer synthesis, properties, application, and characterization of materials for advanced technology. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the synthesis and applications of advanced materials. Show limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to advanced materials synthesis and their properties.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to frontier approach in polymer synthesis, properties, application, and characterization of materials for advanced technology. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the synthesis and applications of advanced materials. Show little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to advanced materials synthesis and their properties.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials	or discussion	12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	Exam / Presentation	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test	Test / Project	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Literature (Article / Patent)	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Specialist references will be given throughout the course.

CHEM4145	**Medicinal chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y Li, Chemistry *(yingli0e@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof P H Toy,Chemistry) (Prof X C Li,Chemistry) (Prof Y Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course covers the chemical principles of drug design and drug action and uses as an introduction to research in areas of bioorganic chemistry, bioinorganic chemistry, medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutical chemistry, and biotechnology.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Drug discovery, design, and development: lead discovery, pharmacophore, structure-activity relationships (SAR), computer-aided drug design, combinatorial chemistry and high-throughput drug screening - Drug-receptor interactions - Proteins (and enzymes) and nucleic acids as drug targets - Metals in medicine		

	- DNA-Drug interactions - Drug metabolism and prodrugs and drug delivery
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge of drug discovery, design and development CLO 2 understand drug-biomolecule interactions where appropriate CLO 3 gain appropriate knowledge of drug metabolism and drug delivery
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3441 or CHEM3442; and Not for students who have passed in BPHM3133, or already enrolled in this course.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry, especially those related to drug discovery, design and development; drug targets; drug lead optimization; structure activity relationship; pharmacokinetics; drug delivery and its relevance to toxicity. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Show strong ability to analyze novel problems and critical use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Demonstrate highly effective basic techniques for medicinal chemistry, especially in drug discovery and metabolism. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry; especially those related to drug discovery; design and development; drug targets; drug lead optimization; structure activity relationship; pharmacokinetics; drug delivery and its relevance to toxicity. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Show evidence to analyze novel problems and correct use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Demonstrate effective basic techniques for medicinal chemistry, especially in drug discovery and metabolism. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry; especially those related to drug discovery; design and development; drug targets; drug lead optimization; structure activity relationship; pharmacokinetics; drug delivery and its relevance to toxicity. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Show ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Demonstrate moderately effective basic techniques, basic techniques for medicinal chemistry, especially in drug discovery and metabolism. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry; especially those related to drug discovery; design and development; drug targets; drug lead optimization; structure activity relationship; pharmacokinetics; drug delivery and its relevance to toxicity. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Show limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Demonstrate partially effective basic techniques for medicinal chemistry, especially in drug discovery and metabolism. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry; especially those related to drug discovery; design and development; drug targets; drug lead optimization; structure activity relationship; pharmacokinetics; drug delivery and its relevance to toxicity. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the basic foundation knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Show little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the basic principles and knowledge of medicinal chemistry. Demonstrate minimally effective basic techniques for medicinal chemistry, especially in drug discovery and metabolism.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials	or discussion	12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	(mid-term test)	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	An Introduction to Medicinal Chemistry (3/e), G.L. Patrick, Oxford University Press, 2005 Medicinal Chemistry- An Introduction, G. Thomas, John Wiley, 2000 D. Wang, S.J. Lippard (2004) Nat. Rev. Drug Dis., Cellular processing of platinum anticancer drugs, 4, 307-320
Additional Course Information	This course is also offered to RPg students, and the course code for RPg students is CHEM6113.

CHEM4147	**Supramolecular chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K Okuro, Chemistry *(okuro@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof K Okuro,Chemistry) (Prof Y F Wang,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	Supramolecular chemistry concerns the chemistry beyond that of molecules. This course aims at introducing students to concepts and techniques in supramolecular chemistry, demonstrating how molecular assembly and supramolecular structures leads to functions and properties, and their relevance to material and biological science.		
Course Contents & Topics	Basic concepts in molecular recognition and self-assembly; non-covalent interactions and common supramolecular building blocks; methods in supramolecular chemistry. Selected topics in modern supramolecular chemistry, such as macrocycles and cages, molecular capsule and container molecules, synthetic receptors, interlocked structures, supramolecular polymers and supramolecular chemistry of biomolecules and biomaterials, will also be discussed.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Understand important principles and concepts in supramolecular chemistry CLO 2 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the nature of non-covalent interactions and to apply these concepts in the design and explanation of the structures, properties and functions of different supramolecular systems CLO 3 Interpret and analyse physical characterization data of supramolecular systems and extract relevant chemical information to explain the properties of the supramolecular systems		

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3341 and CHEM3441
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in supramolecular chemistry, especially those relating to non-covalent interactions, molecular recognition and self-assembly. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge in supramolecular chemistry in explaining the formation and properties of, and in designing different supramolecular systems. Show strong ability to analyse and interpret experimental data to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and properties of supramolecular systems.
B	Demonstrate substantial knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in supramolecular chemistry, especially those relating to non-covalent interactions, molecular recognition and self-assembly. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge in supramolecular chemistry in explaining the formation and properties of, and in designing different supramolecular systems. Show evidence to analyse and interpret experimental data to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and properties of supramolecular systems.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete amount of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in supramolecular chemistry, especially those relating to non-covalent interactions, molecular recognition and self-assembly. Show some ability to apply and integrate knowledge in supramolecular chemistry in explaining the formation and properties of, and in designing different supramolecular systems. Show some ability to analyse and interpret experimental data to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and properties of supramolecular systems.
D	Demonstrate partial but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in supramolecular chemistry, especially those relating to non-covalent interactions, molecular recognition and self-assembly. Show evidence of limited ability to apply and integrate knowledge in supramolecular chemistry in explaining the formation and properties of, and in designing different supramolecular systems. Show limited ability to analyse and interpret experimental data to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and properties of supramolecular systems.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in supramolecular chemistry, especially those relating to non-covalent interactions, molecular recognition and self-assembly. Show little or no ability to apply and integrate knowledge in supramolecular chemistry in explaining the formation and properties of, and in designing different supramolecular systems. Show little or no ability to analyse and interpret experimental data to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and properties of supramolecular systems.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
Presentation		15	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Supramolecular Chemistry by Jonathan W. Steed and Jerry L. Atwood, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., 2nd Edition, 2009 Modern Physical Organic Chemistry by Eric V. Anslyn and Dennis A. Dougherty, University Science Books, 2006 References to specialist texts and other published materials will be made throughout the course.

CHEM4148	**Frontiers in Modern Chemical Science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X D Li, Chemistry *(xiangli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof A M Li,Chemistry) (Prof J Y Tang,Chemistry) (Prof X D Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	Modern chemistry is thought to be the "central science" as it plays a critical role in related biological, physical, medical, and engineering disciplines. This course aims to introduce students to the newest concepts and technological breakthroughs in chemical sciences. Throughout the course, students will be introduced to how the interplay among molecules, materials, and interfaces leads to unprecedented functionalities that contribute to innovations in biology and medicine, smart materials, and sustainable energy schemes.		
Course Contents & Topics	Current topics focus on the interdisciplinary area of chemistry with biology, and material sciences. Covered topics include chemical genetics, epigenetics and proteomics; chemical biology for drug discovery and development; stimuli-responsive nanomaterials; autonomous macromolecular motion; future power landscape; renewable energy conversion and utilization. Examples in protein posttranslational modifications, active colloidal, thermoelectric materials, molecular machines, advanced rechargeable batteries, and next-generation fuel cells and electrolysers will be discussed.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand important principles and topical trends in chemical sciences CLO 2 demonstrate understanding of future directions in biomedical chemistry, nanomatertials, and energy sciences and applying this knowledge in comparing and contrasting various emergent technologies CLO 3 interpret and analyse recent published research data in the field of chemistry and extract relevant chemical information to explain the observed properties and phenomena associated to the chemical systems		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3341 and CHEM3441.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in chemical sciences, especially those relating to biomedical chemistry, nanomaterials, and energy sciences. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge in chemical sciences in explaining the formation and properties of chemical species and in designing different chemical systems. Show strong ability in the literature review, research proposal writing, and oral presentation for frontier topics in chemical sciences.
B	Demonstrate substantial knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in chemical sciences, especially those relating to biomedical chemistry, nanomaterials, and energy sciences. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge in chemical sciences in explaining the formation and properties of chemical species and in designing different chemical systems. Show good ability in the literature review, research proposal writing, and oral presentation for frontier topics in chemical sciences.

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete amount of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in chemical sciences, especially those relating to biomedical chemistry, nanomaterials, and energy sciences. Show some ability to apply and integrate knowledge in chemical sciences in explaining the formation and properties of chemical species and in designing different chemical systems. Show some ability in the literature review, research proposal writing, and oral presentation for frontier topics in chemical sciences.
	D	Demonstrate partial but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in chemical sciences, especially those relating to biomedical chemistry, nanomaterials, and energy sciences. Show evidence of limited ability to apply and integrate knowledge in chemical sciences in explaining the formation and properties of chemical species and in designing different chemical systems. Show limited ability in the literature review, research proposal writing, and oral presentation for frontier topics in chemical sciences.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and principles in chemical sciences, especially those relating to biomedical chemistry, nanomaterials, and energy sciences. Show little or no ability to apply and integrate knowledge in chemical sciences in explaining the formation and properties of chemical species and in designing different chemical systems. Show little or no ability in the literature review, research proposal writing, and oral presentation for frontier topics in chemical sciences.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Essay	(Proposal)	35	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation		35	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	References to specialized texts and other published materials will be made throughout the course.			
Additional Course Information	This course is also offered to RPg students, and the course code for RPg students is CHEM6118.			

CHEM4241	**Modern chemical instrumentation and applications (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof I K Chu, Chemistry *(ivankchu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof H B Jiang,Chemistry) (Prof I K Chu,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	The aim of the course is to provide an understanding of modern instrumentation, covering both fundamental principles and practical aspects of instrument design. The course will be of particular benefit to those pursuing a higher research degree or a career in technical sales/service.		
Course Contents & Topics	Biological Mass spectrometry: Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry for Proteomics & Metabolomics. Microscopy and analysis with light and electron beams: instrumentation and applications in physical and life sciences.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	explain the principles of the modern mass spectrometric methods for proteins and metabolites identification and quantification	
	CLO 2	explain how proteins are identified and sequenced experimentally and how data is generated in proteomics experiments	
	CLO 3	use the database searching techniques and software tools to analyze high-throughput proteomics data	
	CLO 4	apply LC/MS/MS method for target quantitative analysis of small molecules	
	CLO 5	explain the principles of optical microscopy and electron microscopy and their capabilities	
	CLO 6	describe the basic experimental set up and the properties of the basic components of the instruments used in the laboratory classes	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3241		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemical instrumentations and applications. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and strong ability to analyze problems related to fundamental principles and practical aspects of instrument design.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemical instrumentations and applications. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and ability to analyze problems related to fundamental principles and practical aspects of instrument design.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemical instrumentations and applications. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and to analyze problems to most familiar situations to fundamental principles and practical aspects of instrument design.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemical instrumentations and applications. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations related to fundamental principles and practical aspects of instrument design.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the modern chemical instrumentations and applications. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations related to fundamental principles and practical aspects of instrument design.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		16

	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Laboratory reports	(lab performance, reports)	25	CLO 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Chhabil Dass: Fundamentals of contemporary mass spectrometry (Wiley-Interscience) D.A. Skoog, F.K. Holler, S.R. Crouch: Principles of Instrumental Analysis (Thomson, latest edition) Reference to published material will be made throughout the course.
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course. This course is also offered to RPg students, and the course code for RPg students is CHEM6117.

CHEM4242	**Advanced analytical chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof H B Jiang, Chemistry *(hbjiang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof H B Jiang,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course focuses on the basic principle, practice and methodology in chemical and biochemical analysis. The course emphasizes on the integration of analytical concepts and technologies to solve practical analytical and bioanalytical problems. This course will be particularly useful for students who plan to pursue their career related to analytical and bioanalytical chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Sample preparation and enrichment techniques for biomedical, pharmaceutical and forensic chemical analysis; Theoretical background and practical techniques of biological sample analysis; Advanced instrumental techniques and analytical methods; Recent developments in microscopy and imaging techniques; Introduction to spatial omics technologies.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	apply statistical methods to assess analytical measurement data quality and interpret their significance, validate analytical methods and results	
	CLO 2	demonstrate understanding on the working principle of different analytical techniques and recognize their advantages and limitations	
	CLO 3	integrate different analytical techniques to solve analytical and bioanalytical problems	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3241 or CHEM3242		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities, logical thinking and capability to apply knowledge learnt to solve a wide range of complex issues and problems related to chemical analysis. Apply highly effective organization and presentation skills as shown in class work.
	B	Demonstrate a substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, logical thinking, and capability to apply knowledge learnt to solve a wide range of complex issues and problems related to chemical analysis. Apply effective organization and presentation skills as shown in class work.
	C	Demonstrate a general command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge learnt to solve a wide range of complex issues and problems related to chemical analysis. Apply effective organization and presentation skills as shown in class work.
	D	Demonstrate a partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes in Food and Water Analysis. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems related to chemical analysis. Apply limited or barely effective organization and presentation skill as shown in class work.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence for the command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems related to chemical analysis. Organization and presentation skills are minimally effective or ineffective as shown in class work.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Tutorials		6
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports	(experiment & lab report)	15	CLO 1, 2
	Presentation		15	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D.A. Skoog, D.M. West, F.J. Holler, S.R. Crouch: Fundamentals of Analytical Chemistry (Cengage Learning, latest edition) A. Manz, P. S. Dittrich, N. Pamme, D. Iossifidis: Bioanalytical Chemistry (Imperial College Press, latest edition) References to specialist texts and other published materials will be made throughout the course.

Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM4341	**Advanced inorganic chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C M Che, Chemistry *(cmche@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C M Che,Chemistry) (Prof H Z Sun,Chemistry) (Prof V W W Yam,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course is a continuation from Intermediate Inorganic Chemistry, giving further and more detailed treatment to topics in Inorganic Chemistry and new areas of interest. Problem based learning on selected advance topics will be introduced in the later part of the course. This course also aims to prepare students for graduate work.		
Course Contents & Topics	Selected advanced topics of current interest. Examples include metal-metal bonds and metal-ligand multiple bonds, inorganic and supramolecular photochemistry, lanthanide chemistry, bio-inorganic and medicinal chemistry, and activation of small molecules by metal complexes.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand the principles and concepts of inorganic and supramolecular photochemistry		
	CLO 2 understand the electronic structure and bondings of novel metal-metal and metal-ligand multiple bonded metal complexes		
	CLO 3 understand and realize the activation of small molecules by transition metal complexes and realize the importance of such activation in chemical catalysis of global interest, green chemistry and energy saving reactions		
	CLO 4 understand the role of metal complexes in bio-inorganic and medicinal chemistry		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3341		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the frontiers in inorganic chemistry. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and strong ability to analyze novel problems in inorganic chemistry. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the more advanced knowledge in inorganic chemistry. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and ability to analyze novel problems of inorganic chemistry. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the more advanced knowledge in inorganic chemistry. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and to analyze problems to most familiar situations in inorganic chemistry. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the more advanced knowledge in inorganic chemistry. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations in inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate partially effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the more advanced knowledge in inorganic chemistry. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory, and little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations in inorganic chemistry. Demonstrate minimally effective organizational and presentational skills.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials	including literature survey & presentation	12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test	(quiz/ test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	F.A. Cotton, G. Wilkinson, Hurillo and Bochmann: Advance Inorganic Chemistry (Wiley, 1999, 6th ed.) References to specialist texts and other published materials will be made throughout the course.
Additional Course Information	(Students are strongly recommended to take CHEM4142 Symmetry, group theory and applications if they wish to take this course.) This course is also offered to RPg students, and the course code for RPg students is CHEM6115.

CHEM4342	**Organometallic chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	32
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J He, Chemistry *(jianhe@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J He,Chemistry) (Prof J Z Liu,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To give further, more detailed, treatment to organometallic chemistry mentioned in CHEM3341 Inorganic Chemistry II. The course also aims to introduce and familiarize students with advanced laboratory techniques, and to prepare students for graduate work in inorganic and organometallic chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Lectures: Main group and transition metal organometallics. Transition metal cluster chemistry. Bonding, structure and reactivities of organometallics. Application of organometallics in organic synthesis and catalysis. Laboratory: To introduce and familiarize students with advanced laboratory techniques which include the synthesis and manipulation of air- and moisture- sensitive compounds, and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the advanced principles and concepts in organometallic chemistry CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the bonding, structure and reactivities of main group and transition metal organometallics, especially in transition metal clusters, metal alkyls, metal alkylidenes and metal alkylidynes CLO 3 demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the application of organometallics in organic synthesis, polymerization and catalysis CLO 4 demonstrate ability in advanced laboratory techniques including the synthesis and manipulation of air- and moisture- sensitive compounds, and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3341
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more detailed and advanced treatment of organometallic chemistry, especially those related to structure, bonding and reactivities of main group and transition metal organometallics; transition metal cluster chemistry; and application of organometallics in organic synthesis and catalysis. Show strong ability to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the advanced principles and concepts of organometallic chemistry. Show strong ability to analyze novel problems and critical use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions relating to the advanced principles and applications of organometallic chemistry. Demonstrate highly effective advanced laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and manipulation of air- and moisture- sensitive compounds and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more detailed and advanced treatment of organometallic chemistry, especially those related to structure, bonding and reactivities of main group and transition metal organometallics; transition metal cluster chemistry; and application of organometallics in organic synthesis and catalysis. Show evidence to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the advanced principles and concepts of organometallic chemistry. Show evidence to analyze novel problems and correct use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and applications of organometallic chemistry. Demonstrate effective advanced laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and manipulation of air- and moisture- sensitive compounds and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more detailed and advanced treatment of organometallic chemistry, especially those related to structure, bonding and reactivities of main group and transition metal organometallics; transition metal cluster chemistry; and application of organometallics in organic synthesis and catalysis. Show evidence of some abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the advanced principles and concepts of organometallic chemistry. Show ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and applications of organometallic chemistry. Demonstrate moderately effective advanced laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and manipulation of air- and moisture- sensitive compounds and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more detailed and advanced treatment of organometallic chemistry, especially those related to structure, bonding and reactivities of main group and transition metal organometallics; transition metal cluster chemistry; and application of organometallics in organic synthesis and catalysis. Show evidence of limited abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the advanced principles and concepts of organometallic chemistry. Show limited ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and mostly correct but erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and applications of organometallic chemistry. Demonstrate partially effective advanced laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and manipulation of air- and moisture- sensitive compounds and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles, and theories relating to the more detailed and advanced treatment of organometallic chemistry, especially those related to structure, bonding and reactivities of main group and transition metal organometallics; transition metal cluster chemistry; and application of organometallics in organic synthesis and catalysis. Show little or no evidence of abilities to apply and integrate knowledge and theory relating to the advanced principles and concepts of organometallic chemistry. Show little or no ability to analyze problems to most familiar situations and erroneous use of data and experimental results to draw appropriate conclusions relating to the advanced principles and applications of organometallic chemistry. Demonstrate minimally effective advanced laboratory skills and techniques, especially in the synthesis and manipulation of air- and moisture- sensitive compounds and their characterization by various spectroscopic methods.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory		30
Tutorials		5
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R. H. Crabtree: The Organometallic Chemistry of the Transition Metals (Wiley, 2005, 4th ed.) C. Elschenbroich and A. Salzer: Organometallics - A Concise Introduction (VCH, 1992, 2nd revised edition) Reference to specialist texts and other published materials will be made throughout the course.
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM4441	**Advanced organic chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J He, Chemistry *(jianhe@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J He,Chemistry) (Prof Z X Huang,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with knowledge in organic chemistry reaction mechanisms and organic compound structure determination.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course covers chemical bonding, advanced stereochemistry, conformational analysis, techniques for investigating reaction mechanisms, reactive intermediates, rearrangement reactions, and pericyclic reactions.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe, analyze and interpret the structure and reactivity relationship of organic molecules CLO 2 identify and predict the selectivities (chemoselectivity, regioselectivity and stereoselectivity) in organic reactions CLO 3 describe the general approaches to study organic mechanisms CLO 4 have a general understanding and working knowledge of pericyclic reactions, reactive intermediates (radicals, carbenes and nitrenes), and polar rearrangements CLO 5 suggest reasonable mechanistic pathways for some types of organic reactions CLO 6 apply the knowledge of reaction mechanisms in design of synthetic routes for organic compounds
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3441
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	F.A. Carey and R.J. Sunberg, "Advanced Organic Chemistry, Part-A: Structure and Mechanism", 5th Ed.: Springer, 2007. "Organic Chemistry", by Paula Y. Bruice, 2016, 8th Edition, Pearson, with e-text and Mastering Chemistry. I. Fleming, "Pericyclic Reactions", Oxford University Press, 1999.
Additional Course Information	This course is also offered to RPg students, and the course code for RPg students is CHEM6114.

CHEM4443	**Integrated organic synthesis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z X Huang, Chemistry *(huangzx@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z X Huang,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To introduce aspects of modern organic reactions with relevance to and in the context of the synthesis of natural products, drugs and medicinal chemistry to provide an integrated approach to the subject, and to provide training in advanced organic laboratory skills, and further hands-on experience in synthesis and characterization, as preparation for graduate studies or research in organic chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	Building on the organic chemistry covered in the foundational courses CHEM1003 and CHEM2402, this course will present modern synthetic methods and synthetic planning. The course is organized into units based on target drug molecules. In each unit, the chemical biology of these compounds are briefly presented and the syntheses of these molecules are introduced, accompanied by in-depth discussions of the reactions involved with emphasis on their mechanisms, selectivity, stereochemistry, scope and limitations. Concept of synthetic design including retrosynthetic analysis, stereoselectivity and enantioselective control elements will be emphasized. A laboratory section provides training in the practical skills of synthesis.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the rationale, selectivities, and mechanisms of various reactions and reagents in organic chemistry CLO 2 able to solve mechanistic and synthetic chemistry problems CLO 3 perform organic synthesis experiments at an increased level of technical difficulty, using additional skills in experimental design and execution, spectroscopic analysis, and reporting of results CLO 4 integrate lecture material and literature search, to learn chemistry independently		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3441; or Pass in CHEM3441 (without lab component) and CHEM3443		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate a thorough mastery at an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of concepts, principles, reactions and mechanisms related to synthetic organic chemistry. Show a strong ability to integrate knowledge and theory, and a strong ability to analyze novel synthetic organic chemistry situations and problems. Show a critical use of knowledge and data to apply to the		

		solution of novel and complex synthetic problems. Demonstrate highly effective organization and application of lab skills and techniques in synthetic experiments.
	B	Demonstrate a substantial command of knowledge and understanding of concepts, principles, reactions and mechanisms related to synthetic organic chemistry. Show evidence of ability to integrate knowledge and theory, and evidence of ability to analyze synthetic organic chemistry situations and problems. Show a correct use of knowledge and data to apply to the solution of some novel and most familiar synthetic problems. Demonstrate effective organization and application of lab skills and techniques in synthetic experiments.
	C	Demonstrate a general but incomplete command of knowledge and understanding of concepts, principles, reactions and mechanisms related to synthetic organic chemistry. Show evidence of some ability to integrate knowledge and theory, and evidence of some ability to analyze synthetic organic chemistry situations and problems. Show a correct use of knowledge to apply to the solution of most familiar problems. Demonstrate moderately effective organization and application of lab skills and techniques in synthetic experiments.
	D	Demonstrate a partial but limited command of knowledge and understanding of concepts, principles, reactions and mechanisms related to synthetic organic chemistry. Show evidence of a limited ability to integrate knowledge and theory, and a limited ability to analyze familiar situations and problems. Show some correct but erroneous use of knowledge to apply to the solution of most familiar problems. Demonstrate partially effective organization and application of lab skills and techniques in synthetic experiments.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and understanding of concepts, principles, reactions and mechanisms related to synthetic organic chemistry. Show little or no evidence of ability to integrate knowledge and theory in synthetic organic chemistry, and little or no ability to analyze most familiar situations and problems. Show mostly erroneous use of knowledge to apply to the solution of familiar problems. Demonstrate minimally effective organization and application of lab skills and techniques in synthetic experiments.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		25
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 4
Assignments	(Problem sets)	10	CLO 1, 2, 4
Laboratory reports	(Practicals & lab test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Reference Books: Organic synthesis, C. Willis, M. Wills, Oxford Science Publications Top drugs, top synthetic routes, J. Saunders, Oxford Science Publications
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course. This course is also offered to RPg students, and the course code for RPg students is CHEM6111.

CHEM4444	**Chemical biology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X C Li, Chemistry *(xuechenl@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X C Li,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To understand how to use chemical approaches to emulate biological systems to study natural molecules and generate new functional molecules. Useful as an introduction to research in areas of chemical biology, medicinal chemistry and biotechnology.		
Course Contents & Topics	Chemical biology of nucleic acids, protein chemistry, protein posttranslational modifications, carbohydrate chemistry, chemical glycobiology and tools and techniques in chemical biology.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand chemical biology approaches in studying biology		
	CLO 2 give examples of how to use chemical methods to produce natural biomolecules and new biomolecules wiht altered functions		
	CLO 3 compare chemical biology and traditional biology approaches in drug discovery		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOC3601 or CHEM3441		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials	(tutorials/discussion)		12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		5	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation		25	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Foundations of Chemical Biology by C.M. Dobson, J.A. Gerrard and A.J. Pratt.			
Course Website	Nil			
Additional Course Information	Nil			

CHEM4541	**Physical chemistry III: statistical thermodynamics and kinetics theory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	---, Chemistry *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	The course presents fundamental principles and topics on statistical thermodynamics and kinetic theory in order to provide a solid foundation for students intending to further their studies in physical chemistry and related fields.		
Course Contents & Topics	Principles of Statistical Thermodynamics - Thermodynamic laws - Ensembles and partition functions: microcanonical, canonical and grand-canonical - Systems of independent molecules: ideal gas - Molecular degrees of freedom: translation, rotation, vibration, and electronic - Ideal gas mixture: chemical equilibrium, binding, and titration - Lattice statistics: Ising model and phase transition - Quantum statistics Chemical equilibrium and kinetics theory - Rate theory: collision theory, transition state theory		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand and use the terminology and nomenclature in statistical thermodynamics and topics discussed in the course CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic concepts in statistical thermodynamics CLO 3 understand correlation between macroscopic observables and microscopic statistical model systems		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3541		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics. Demonstrate evidence of strong analytical / critical abilities and logical thinking. Can apply the knowledge to practical questions in Physical Chemistry. **B** Substantial command of knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics. Demonstrate evidence of analytical / critical abilities and logical thinking. Understand the scope of Physical Chemistry questions that can be applied with the knowledge. **C** General but incomplete command of knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics. Demonstrate evidence of analytical thinking. Can apply the knowledge to familiar situations. **D** Partial but limited command of knowledge of knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics. Demonstrate limited evidence of analytical thinking. Understand the question to be solved with knowledge. **Fail** Little or no evidence of command of knowledge of statistical thermodynamics and reaction dynamics.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Laboratory			24
	Tutorials			6
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	continuous assessment of on class quizzes & assignments	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	T. L. Hill, An introduction to Statistical Thermodynamics P. Atkins, Physical Chemistry			
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.			

CHEM4542	**Computational chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	50

Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Yang, Chemistry *(juny@hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Yang,Chemistry)
Course Objectives	This course covers common topics in computational chemistry including molecular quantum chemistry and dynamics methods as well as the fundamental in machine learning. Topics include basic concepts, computational theories and practical problems in chemistry. It is offered to undergraduate and postgraduate students who are interested in advanced computational chemistry techniques.
Course Contents & Topics	Force field MM method, Hartree-Fock theory, density functional theory, basis sets, post-HF methods, QM/MM method, quantum chemistry programs, python modules for machine learning, regression method, clustering, K-nearest neighbors, deep neural network and machine learning applications to computational chemistry.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the basic concepts of density-functional theory CLO 2 understand the basic numerical techniques of molecular mechanics method and quantum mechanics/molecular mechanics method CLO 3 employ the existing computational software to calculate the chemical, physical properties of various molecular systems include organic molecules, inorganic materials and biomolecules
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3541 and CHEM1044
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Mastery of an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required on all course topics. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with strong ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in computational chemistry. Demonstrate highly effective organizational and presentation skills. **B** Substantial command of a broad range of knowledge on most of the course topics. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with reasonable ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in computational chemistry. Demonstrate effective organizational and presentation skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of a range of knowledge on most of the course topics. Show evidence of some analytical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in computational chemistry. Demonstrate moderate organizational and presentation skills. **D** Demonstrate partial and limited command of knowledge on some of the course topics. Show evidence of some coherent analytical ability and logical thinking, with limited ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in computational chemistry. Demonstrate partially effective organizational and presentation skills. **Fail** Little or no evidence of command of knowledge on the course topic. Lack of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with very little or no ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in computational chemistry. Demonstrate minimal or ineffective organizational and presentation skills.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory	lab sessions 6x4 hours of computational laboratory	24
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	Midterm Project	10	CLO 1, 2, 3
Laboratory reports	4x10%	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project report	Final project	50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D. Young: Computational Chemistry A Practical Guide for Applying Techniques to Real-world Problems F. Jensen: Introduction to Computational Chemistry J. Kinder & P. Nelson: A Student's Guide to Python for Physical Modelling A. Geron: Hands-on Machine Learning with Scikit-learn and Tensorflow: Concepts, Tools, and Techniques to Build Intelligent Systems
Additional Course Information	CHEM4542 is offered every year in Semester 1. Laboratory classes, midterm and final projects are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.

CHEM4543	**Advanced physical chemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G H Chen, Chemistry *(ghc@yangtze.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof D L Phillips,Chemistry) (Prof G H Chen,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course covers advanced topics in physical chemistry. It is offered for students majoring in physical chemistry and for students who are interested in postgraduate studies.		
Course Contents & Topics	Time-resolved spectroscopy methods, excited states and reactive intermediates, photophysics and photochemical processes, chemical reaction mechanisms, advanced quantum mechanical methods, reaction pathways and surface crossings.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the basic concepts of quantum chemistry, statistical thermodynamics and molecular dynamics CLO 2 understand Hartree-Fock method, statistical ensembles, quantum statistics, H-theorem, and reaction dynamics CLO 3 understand the elementary numerical procedures in Hartree-Fock and molecular mechanics methods		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3541		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Mastery of advanced knowledge on following topics: variation method in quantum mechanics, Hartree-Fock method, perturbation theory, advanced statistical thermodynamics, reaction dynamics. Strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with strong ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in physical chemistry. **B** Substantial command of a broad range of knowledge on following topics: variation method in quantum mechanics, Hartree-Fock method, perturbation theory, advanced statistical thermodynamics, reaction dynamics. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in physical chemistry.		

	C	Command of knowledge on following topics: variation method in quantum mechanics, Hartree-Fock method, perturbation theory, advanced statistical thermodynamics, reaction dynamics. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with ability to apply knowledge to familiar problems in physical chemistry.
	D	Partial but limited command of knowledge on following topics: variation method in quantum mechanics, Hartree-Fock method, perturbation theory, advanced statistical thermodynamics, reaction dynamics. Evidence of some coherent analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with limited ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in physical chemistry.
	Fail	Little or no evidence of command of knowledge on following topics: variation method in quantum mechanics, Hartree-Fock method, perturbation theory, advanced statistical thermodynamics, reaction dynamics. Lack of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with very little or no ability to apply knowledge to practical problems in physical chemistry.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials	tutorials/discussion		12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	(continuous assessment/test)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. W. Atkins: Physical Chemistry Ira N. Levine: Quantum Chemistry (Prentice Hall, 4th ed.) R. C. Tolman: The Principles of Statistical Mechanics R. D. Levine, R. B. Bernstein: Molecular Reaction Dynam			
Course Website	Nil			
Additional Course Information	This course is also offered to RPg students, and the course code for RPg students is CHEM6112.			

CHEM4544	**Electrochemical science and technology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	36
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G K Y Chan, Chemistry *(hrsccky@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G K Y Chan,Chemistry) (Visiting Professor,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To understand the science of electrochemistry, methods to characterise electrochemical cells, and factors affecting electrochemical applications and technologies.		
Course Contents & Topics	Thermodynamics, kinetics, and transport of electrochemical processes. Electrochemical characterization by controlled potential, current, and hydrodynamics. Voltammetry for analytical chemistry. Electrochemical power sources, sensors, synthesis and separation processes. Electrolytes, separators, and electrode materials. Models of electrochemical processes.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	Understand the thermodynamic and kinetics of a charge transfer process at the electrode-electrolyte interface and transport of relevant species in molecular and macroscopic scales.	
	CLO 2	Apply voltammetry methods to characterize an electrochemical process.	
	CLO 3	Correlate performance of electrochemical cells to materials, design, and operation parameters.	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM3241 or CHEM3541 or CHEM3542		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough knowledge of electrochemical science and technology, and mastery of skills required for attaining all of the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to solve problems in a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Critical use of data and sourcing of references. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial knowledge of electrochemical science and technology and command of skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to solve problems in familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Correct use of data and sourcing of references. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete knowledge of electrochemical science and technology and command of skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge solve problems to most familiar situations. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and references. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited knowledge of electrochemical science and technology and command of skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and source references. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of knowledge of electrochemical science and technology, and command of skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Misuse of data and references. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Laboratory	Laboratory/Project		24
	Tutorials			6
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	(Test/ Quiz)	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3

	Laboratory reports	(Laboratory or Project Report/Term Paper)	10	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	K. B. Oldham, J. C. Myland, and A. B. Bond, Electrochemical Science and Technology, John Wiley & Sons, 2012, ISBN 978047071045. Bard, Allen J., Larry R. Faulkner. Electrochemical Methods: Fundamentals and Applications. 2nd Ed. Wiley, 2000. ISBN: 9780471043720.			
Additional Course Information	This course is offered every other year.			

CHEM4910	**Chemistry literacy and research (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X D Li, Chemistry *(xiangli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the Department,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed for final year students who would like to gain experience on research methods and techniques by working on small projects on literature research and chemistry research.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course provides training on chemistry literature research techniques. Students will work on a small project on literature research and a short laboratory-based research project. The laboratory-based projects are provided by the students' supervisors who are assigned by the department.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge of academic databases and search engines of chemistry literature	
	CLO 2	understand the terminology and nomenclature associated with their own research project	
	CLO 3	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the chemical techniques they used to do the research in their own research project	
	CLO 4	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the results of their own research project and its context in the broader research area	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX) in the Chemistry Major including CHEM3241, and CHEM3341, and CHEM3441, and CHEM3541. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Show an extensive comprehension of the research project. Demonstrate very able analytical and critical thought with presence of some originality. Illuminating utilization and critical analysis / evaluation of information acquired from a wide range of high quality sources. Critical employment of data and results to synthesize appropriate and illuminating conclusions. Demonstrate integration of a wide range of appropriate theories, principles, data and methods. Employ very effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should demonstrate substantial additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.]	
	B	Show a substantial comprehension of the research project. Demonstrate able analytical and critical thinking with use of relevant information from sources. Demonstrate ability to compose meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations. Correct utilization of data and results to form appropriate conclusions. Compose general integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Show a general but incomplete comprehension of the research project. Presence of some analytical and critical thinking with use of relevant information from sources. Demonstrate ability to compose comparisons between different interpretations. Mainly correct but some incorrect utilization of data and results to form appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate some partial integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Show a partial but limited comprehension, with knowledge of some relevant information, of the research project. Presence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show utilization and reference of several sources, but mostly via summary instead of by analysis and comparison. Limited ability to employ data and results to form appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate limited integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform limited or marginally effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Show little or no comprehension of the research project. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited employment of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Incorrectly utilize data and results and/or unable to form appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate little or no integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Organization and presentational skills are of very limited use or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Project-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	12 hrs tutorials; 46 hrs of workshops and 100 hrs reading/self study	158

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Research report		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Oral presentation		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Reading materials will be assigned depending on the project.
Additional Course Information	Satisfactory completion of this course will be counted towards the Capstone requirement.

CHEM4911	**Capstone experience for chemistry undergraduates: HKUtopia (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A T L Li, Chemistry *(litla@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the Department,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This project-based course with the theme of Chemistry for a Better Living in a Foreseeable Future aims to provide students with a capstone experience. It aims to enable students to think what are the key issues the world is facing with that have to be solved by chemistry and related technology. Students will need to apply what they have learnt in classroom and conduct literature search regarding advanced chemistry research and related technology under development to solve the problems identified in their project using various channels.		
Course Contents & Topics	No formal teaching. It is expected that students are actively engaged and should devote no less than 160 hours to working on this project.		

	Students will work in groups of two or three, under the supervision of the course coordinator. The duration of the project will be two to three months. The time of running this project-based course is in the summer (May - August).
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe and explain the major issues we are facing with and determine ways in which chemistry can be used to solve the problems using both written and oral formats CLO 2 integrate theory and practice, and to understand limitations of their current knowledge CLO 3 work in a team and to collaborate with people with different background CLO 4 develop further logical, critical thinking and creativity CLO 5 express scientific ideas and present findings of the project in both individual written report and collaborative oral presentation CLO 6 advocate to others the appreciation for chemistry as to its relevance to our daily life
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Students are expected to have satisfactorily completed all introductory chemistry disciplinary core courses and at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses in the Chemistry Major. Students who are interested in taking the course should contact the course coordinator for application in April - May. Late application may not be considered. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Show integration of the full range of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should show considerable additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.] **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show general integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show some partial integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show limited integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Show little or no or inapt integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Meeting with supervisor / Plus tutorials / 20 Reading / Self study / / 60 Assessment / Group work or project / 80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Research report / / 40 / CLO 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Oral presentation / 40% Presentation; 10% Participation; 10% Peer evaluation / 60 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	No specific list of textbooks and references. Students are encouraged to obtain information via various channels (main library, e-journals, internet, and discussions with classmates and teachers, etc.).
Additional Course Information	Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

CHEM4966	**Chemistry internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K K H Ng, Chemistry *(kkhn3@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K K H Ng,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to offer students the opportunities to gain work experience in the industry related to their major of study. The workplace learning experience would be of great benefits to the students to apply their knowledge gained in the study to the real work environments. Students have to take on at least 160 hours of internship work either within the University or outside the University arranged by the School/Departments.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Within the University: The student will be supervised by a staff member (Supervisor), working on a project or various tasks as instructed by the Supervisor. - Outside the University: The student will work in an external agency related to the major of study. The student will be supervised under a staff member of the external agency (the External Supervisor) and a staff member of the Department/School of the student (the Internal Supervisor). The work to be performed by the student will normally be instructed by the External Supervisor, with prior agreement of the Internal Supervisor.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apply knowledge in their major study in solving practical problems in the work place CLO 2 gain first hand work experience in the industry related to their major study		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX) in the Chemistry Major. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major/ Chemistry Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction**	Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
	Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".
	Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Internship	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Internship work	it is expected that students are to work at least 160 hours (or the equivalent of 4 weeks full-time)	160

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Written report		40	CLO 1, 2
	Supervisor's feedback		30	CLO 1, 2
	Oral presentation		30	CLO 1, 2

Course Website	https://chemistry.hku.hk/staff/kkhn3/4966
Additional Course Information	Satisfactory completion of this course can be counted towards the Capstone requirement. Details of internship will be recorded on the student's transcript. This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

CHEM4999	**Chemistry project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chemistry	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Y Tang, Chemistry *(jinyao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the Department,Chemistry)		
Course Objectives	To provide experience of research techniques by working on a short project under the direct supervision of a member of staff. This course would prepare students for graduate school work in chemistry.		
Course Contents & Topics	A short research project provided by a member of staff (e.g. the students supervisor).		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 understand the terminology and nomenclature associated with their own research chemistry project
	CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the chemical techniques they used to do the research in their own chemical project
	CLO 3 demonstrate critical thinking skill in their own research project and understanding the motivation and target of the research
	CLO 4 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the results of their own chemistry project and its context in the broader research area
	CLO 5 demonstrate ability to integrate the knowledge acquired from previous courses and develop fundamental knowledge of designing research plan

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective chemistry courses (CHEM3XXX or CHEM4XXX) in the Chemistry Major including CHEM3241, and CHEM3341, and CHEM3441, and CHEM3541. This capstone course is for Chemistry Major/ Chemistry Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Show an extensive comprehension of the research project. Demonstrate very able analytical and critical thought with presence of some originality. Illuminating utilization and critical analysis / evaluation of information acquired from a wide range of high quality sources. Critical employment of data and results to synthesize appropriate and illuminating conclusions. Demonstrate integration of a wide range of appropriate theories, principles, data and methods. Employ very effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should demonstrate substantial additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.]
	B	Show a substantial comprehension of the research project. Demonstrate able analytical and critical thinking with use of relevant information from sources. Demonstrate ability to compose meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations. Correct utilization of data and results to form appropriate conclusions. Compose general integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Show a general but incomplete comprehension of the research project. Presence of some analytical and critical thinking with use of relevant information from sources. Demonstrate ability to compose comparisons between different interpretations. Mainly correct but some incorrect utilization of data and results to form appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate some partial integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Show a partial but limited comprehension, with knowledge of some relevant information, of the research project. Presence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show utilization and reference of several sources, but mostly via summary instead of by analysis and comparison. Limited ability to employ data and results to form appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate limited integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Perform limited or marginally effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Show little or no comprehension of the research project. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited employment of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Incorrectly utilize data and results and/or unable to form appropriate conclusions. Demonstrate little or no integration of theories, principles, data and methods. Organization and presentational skills are of very limited use or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Project-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	8 hours per week for 24 weeks or longer discussions & meetings	192

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Dissertation	50% Research (experiment and study in a research group); 30% Dissertation (written report)	80	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Oral presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Specialist texts dependant on the selected topic.			
Additional Course Information	Third year students with exceptional academic achievement may also apply for this course			

CSCI9001	**Practical Chinese for science students (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Chinese	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr H F Poon, Chinese *(hfpoon@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C M Chan,Chinese) (Dr K T Lam,Chinese) (Dr S F Lee,Chinese) (Mr K W Wong,Chinese)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to enhance the students' competence using Chinese for professional communication. It helps the students to master the techniques of writing different types of documents such as memos, emails, letters, announcements, notice, brochures, leaflets, and reports. In addition, topics addressing resentation and discussion techniques, the style and rhetoric of reader-based writings are included to heighten the students' linguistic sensitivity.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Grammar & vocabulary of modern Chinese - The Chinese writing system - Techniques of writing short messages: good-news and goodwill messages, bad-news messages, and persuasive messages - Techniques of writing electronic documents: emails; presentations - Styles and rhetoric of reader-based reports, proposals and presentations		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	develop a balanced competency in modern Chinese and write well-formed sentences	
	CLO 2	employ rhetorical devices and stylistics, as well as practical writing skills specific to their discipline	
	CLO 3	explore new tactics of communication, initiate discussions and debates and address new challenges	
	CLO 4	apply their disciplinary knowledge and their Chinese writing skills and professional presentation techniques analytically, critically and creatively in different social or professional discourses	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	The student acquired a superb ability to achieve the intended learning outcomes of the course at all levels of learning: describe, apply, evaluate, and synthesize the language techniques for effective communication in all situations.
	B	The student acquired the ability to achieve the intended learning outcomes of the course at all levels of learning: describe, apply, evaluate, and synthesize the language techniques for effective communication in most situations.
	C	The student acquired adequate ability to achieve the intended learning outcomes of the course at low levels of learning (i.e. describe and apply the language techniques for effective communication) but not at high levels of learning (i.e. evaluate and synthesize the language techniques for effective communication).
	D	The student only has basic familiarity with the subject.
	Fail	The student has very limited familiarity with the subject.

Communication-intensive Course	Y	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		12
	Tutorials	Small group tutorials	12
	Group work	Workshops	24
	Discussion		24
	Reading / Self study	Reading/self study (20 hours) and preparation (12 hours)	32
	Assessment		16

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	coursework	50	
	Examination		50	

Required/recommended reading and online materials	汪麗炎，1998年。《漢語修辭》。上海：上海大學出版社。 李家樹、謝耀基，1994年。《漢語的特性和運用》。香港：香港大學出版社。 香港城市大學語文學部，2001年。《中文傳意：基礎篇》。香港：香港城市大學出版社。 周錫韋復，1996年。《中文應用寫作教程》。香港：三聯書店。 李錦昌，2000年。《現代商業傳意大全》。香港：商務印書館。 汪麗炎，1998年。《漢語寫作》。上海：上海大學出版社。 香港城市大學語文學部，2001年。《中文傳意：寫作篇》。香港：香港城市大學出版社。 經文略、蘭德主編，2001年。《企業文案撰寫模式大全》。廣州：廣東經濟出版社。 劉美森，2001年。《新編公文寫作學》。成都：四川人民出版社。 黎運漢、李軍，2001年。《商業語言》。台北：台灣商務印書館。

EASC1020	Introduction to climate science (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(zhliu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof D Z Xi,Earth & Planetary Sciences) (Prof Z H Liu,Earth & Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course provides an introduction to the study of global climate systems and climate change. We study the controls of temporal and spatial variations in earth's climate and its histories of past climates preserved in the geological record. We look at modern research methods that are used in paleoclimatic and paleoenvironmental reconstructions.		
Course Contents & Topics	Global climatic systems, climate classification, natural variability of climate, physical causes for changes through geologic time, external and internal forcing mechanisms, solar orbital variations, major climatic events of the past and their effects on how our planet has developed, glacial and interglacial oscillations, predicting future global change.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 identify major aspects of climatology and approaches to climatological study		
	CLO 2 explain the factors and physical processes controlling climate system		
	CLO 3 understand the driving forces of Earth's climate change		
	CLO 4 recognize the history of Earth's climate change		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Show insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show critical use of relevant information from sources and ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Demonstrate mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show use of relevant information from sources and ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Show limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Project work		36
	Reading / Self study		50

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		50	CLO 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Ruddiman, W. F.: Earth's Climate Past and Future (W. F. Freeman, 2008, 2nd edition) Robert V. Rohli and Anthony J. Vega: Climatology (Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2008)

EASC1401	Blue Planet (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	Quota	60
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M H Lee, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(mhlee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M H Lee,Earth & Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The aim is to provide those students who are taking a first course in Earth System Sciences with a fundamental knowledge of how our diverse and living planet Earth works with weaving together an understanding of the dynamic and interactive processes in the Earth's lithosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere and atmosphere. In addition, students should become familiar with the way the study of Earth Sciences blends observation, information, hypothesis, communication and decision making for a better understanding of the future of our planet.		
Course Contents & Topics	This introductory course will introduce and discuss the following topics : - Introduction to Earth Systems and Habitable Planet Earth, - Lithosphere (Earth Materials, Plate Tectonics, Volcanism, Earthquakes, Surface Processes and Rock Cycle) - Hydrosphere (Surface- and Groundwater, Oceans and Water Cycle) - Atmosphere (Composition, Weather, Climate, Green House Effect, Oxygen Cycle) - Biosphere (Life, Ecosystems, Evolution and Extinction, Geochemical Cycles, - Concepts and Evolution of Dynamic Earth Systems, Human Interactions with Planet Earth (Earth Resources, Geological Hazards, Climate Change, Human Impact and Environmental Changes)		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the terminology and nomenclature appropriate to the introductory study of Earth Sciences		

	CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the underlying concepts associated with the study of the Earth Systems and their dynamic interactive processes
	CLO 3	understand the extent and nature of global change and environmental concerns around us
	CLO 4	demonstrate the ability to make and record observations on Earth Systems processes in natural field environments
	CLO 5	develop skills to synthesize observation and knowledge in a report in essay form

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery of extensive knowledge / competencies/skills at an Earth Science introductory level required for attaining most or all of the course learning outcomes. Shows clear understanding of introductory terminology and concepts and strong abilities to apply and relate them in a range of complex interactive processes between Earth Systems. Demonstrates highly effective observational skills in field as well as organizational skills to present important observations made and uses them to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions with an impressive level of depth and original thoughts.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of knowledge / competencies/skills at an Earth Science introductory level required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Shows evidence for understanding of introductory terminology and concepts and some abilities to apply and relate them in a range of complex interactive processes between Earth Systems. Demonstrates effective observational skills in field as well as organizational skills to present important observations made and uses them to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions with some level of depth.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge / competencies/skills at an Earth Science introductory level required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Shows evidence for some understanding of introductory terminology and concepts and some abilities to apply and relate them in some interactive processes between Earth Systems. Demonstrates moderately effective observational skills in field as well as organizational skills to present observations made mostly correct but with some erroneous use and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge / competencies/skills at an Earth Science introductory level required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Shows evidence of limited understanding of introductory terminology and concepts and limited abilities to apply and relate them in some interactive processes between Earth Systems. Demonstrates limited observational skills in field. Applies limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills to present observed details and facts correctly. Limited ability to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge / competencies/skills at an Earth Science introductory level required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Shows little or no evidence of understanding of introductory terminology and concepts and little or no abilities to apply and relate them in interactive processes between Earth Systems. Demonstrates poor observational skills in field. Applies incoherent organizational and poor presentational skills. Ineffective presentation of observed details and facts and unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		32
	Laboratory		8
	Field work	1 field trip	8
	Group work	Oral presentation	4
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	Quizzes	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Skinner B.J and Murck B.W. : The Blue Planet (2011) Murphy, B and Damian N.: Earth Science Today (1999)

EASC1402	**Principles of geology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr M C Cheung, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(hmcc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr M C Cheung,Earth & Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course is an introduction to fundamental principles and concepts in geology.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Earth's formation, history and geological time scale - Rocks and rock cycle - Plate tectonics: a unifying theory - Earthquakes and Earth's interior - Igneous processes and igneous rocks - Geomorphology and surficial processes - Sedimentary rocks - Folds, Faults and Metamorphism - Metamorphic rocks - Principles of stratigraphy; stratigraphic dating methods - Biostratigraphic methods; fossils and index fossils - Radiometric dating methods		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	recite the rock cycle and the rock material in the earth's crust
	CLO 2	describe the overall structure of the earth and the key external and internal processes
	CLO 3	explain the major geological phenomena in the context of plate tectonics theory
	CLO 4	describe the methods in geological dating
	CLO 5	name the major events in earth's history

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
	Laboratory	laboratory practical on rocks and minerals, earthquakes, fossil identifcation	16
	Field work	1 field trip	8
	Group work	1 group project with presentation	4
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Laboratory reports	Practical/field reports	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Project report	Presentation and report	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Tarbuck E.J. and Lutgens F.K.: The Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology (latest edition)

EASC1403	**Geological heritage of Hong Kong (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	35
Course Co-ordinator	Dr M C Cheung, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(hmcc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr M C Cheung,Earth & Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To give an overview of the geology of Hong Kong, potential geological resources for tourism and the role of geology in the development of Hong Kong's infrastructure.		
Course Contents & Topics	6 Lectures on general geology of Hong Kong, geology of Hong Kong's Country Parks, and aspects of geological knowledge pertaining to large scale construction project plus at least 4 weekend field trips (equivalent to a total of 32 hours) guided by experts to localities of geological interest.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	acquire an appreciation of the processes leading to the formation of various landforms	
	CLO 2	demonstrate understanding of the major morphological features in Hong Kong	
	CLO 3	enhance the observation and analytical skills, and physical ability through participation in the field excursion	
	CLO 4	understanding the different impacts on / importance of geological heritage of Hong Kong	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough understanding at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills with evidence for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Evidence of original thoughts, excellent field observation and ability to solve problems. Highly effective organization and presentation skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial understanding at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills with evidence for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Evidence of original thoughts and abilities of field observation. Effective organization and presentation skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete understanding required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Moderately effective organization and presentation skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited understanding for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	No or little knowledge about the subject. No evidence for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Very little or no ability for field observation and for solving problems. Poor organization and presentational skills.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	8 sessions x 2 hours	16
	Field work	3 field trips	24
	Group work	1 presentation and report	30
	Reading / Self study		50
	Assessment	Essay and exercises	20

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Essay	Individual essay and exercises	15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project report	Group project	5	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

	Presentation	Group presentation	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	attendance of compulsory guided field trips	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Examination	2-hour written examination	40	CLO 1, 2, 4

EASC1404	**Early life on earth (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course focuses on the origins of life. It provides an overview of Earth's early environments, how life is thought to have originated on Earth, and how the Earth's dynamic environment impacted the origin of life. This course will also provide a basic overview of habitable environments on Earth and elsewhere in the Solar system.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will cover the following topics: the composition and properties of the early Earth and Earth's first oceans; the central role of water in life; abundance of biological elements on the early Earth and elsewhere in the Solar system; possible conditions for the synthesis of life's first building blocks; the (geo)chemical roots of early life on Earth and the search for life's signatures in the solar system and beyond.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe the basic physical and chemical conditions on the early Earth	
	CLO 2	explain and describe the role of water and extreme geochemical conditions in the synthesis of biological molecules	
	CLO 3	understand the role that different geological environments played during the origins of life	
	CLO 4	identify challenges associated with each step in the origins of life	
	CLO 5	investigate a current origins of life topic	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Student demonstrates thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Shows strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and the ability to apply his/her knowledge to a wide range of problems that center around "origins of life" topics, and at the same, can combine knowledge from the natural sciences to better understand potential early Life processes on Earth and elsewhere. Student shows the ability to apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Student demonstrates substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and apply his/her knowledge to a range of problems in the field of the "origins of life", and at the same, is capable to combine knowledge from the natural sciences to better understand potential early Life processes on Earth and elsewhere. Student shows the ability to apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Student demonstrates general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply his/her knowledge to a range of problems in the field of the "origins of life". Student shows the ability to apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Student demonstrates partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability understand key topics in the "origins of life" field. Student shows the ability to apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Student demonstrates little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Shows very little or no ability to apply knowledge to understand basic topics related to the origins of life. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written examination	40	
	Assignments	1 midterm, group presentations, short-essay	60	

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Sections from: Mason, S.F.: Chemical Evolution (Oxford University Press, 1991) K.W. Plaxco & M. Gross: Astrobiology: A brief Introduction (J. Hopkins University Press, 2006) I. Gilmour & M.A. Sephton: An Introduction to Astrobiology (Cambridge University Press, 2004)

EASC1405	**Peaceful use of nuclear technologies (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide students with the science backgrounds and knowledge on application of nuclear technologies in daily life and to invoke an awareness of current applications of nuclear sciences by case studies.		
Course Contents & Topics	Man and radiation; principles of nuclear technology; case studies of nuclear techniques applied in arts, engineering, biological, physical and social sciences; radiation on earth and beyond; industrial application of nuclear techniques; nuclear techniques in medical study. Future development in nuclear technologies.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	recognize the science fundamentals in nuclear technologies	
	CLO 2	explain and describe the principles of nuclear technologies applied	
	CLO 3	have the awareness of current applications of nuclear sciences	
	CLO 4	demonstrate the knowledge and understanding of the underlying concepts associated with nuclear technologies	

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Field work		6
Group work		6
Project work		6
Reading / Self study		92

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour	50	CLO 1, 2, 4
Assignments	Group activities and reports	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project reports	Individual Report	20	CLO 1, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be announced

EASC1406	**Introduction to the earth-life system (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course provides students with an introduction to the biosphere, including physical, chemical, geological and biological interpretations on the co-evolution of the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and geosphere through deep geological time, the current Earth-Life interactions with the influence of human beings and the future of the Human-Earth system.		
Course Contents & Topics	A habitable planet; the carbon cycle; plate tectonics, climate and life; mountains and climate change; the emergence and persistence of life; life in the Phanerozoic; the Earth at extremes; the future of the Human-Earth system		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the coevolution of the inanimate world and the living world on Earth through deep geological time
CLO 2	explain why the Earth is a habitable planet
CLO 3	understand the biological process as an agent of the modern and past Earth system
CLO 4	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the natural carbon cycle and the impacts of human activities
CLO 5	analyse qualitatively questions related to systematic structure and evolution of the Earth-life system

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC1401
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough and complete grasp of the subject in order to fulfil most or all learning outcomes. Show clear understanding of the connections between the geosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere of the modern Earth and in the geological past. Able to understand the interactions between human beings and the nature only happens as the latest processes on Earth.
B	Demonstrate understanding at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills with evidence for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show understanding of the connections between the geosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere of the modern Earth and in the geological past. Can demonstrate the interactions between human being and the nature only happen in the latest geological time.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete understanding required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Moderately effective organization and presentation skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited understanding for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Get no or little knowledge about the subject. No evidence for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Very little or no ability for solving problems. Poor organization and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36

	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	One in-class examination	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		80	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	C. Cockell, R. Corfield, N. Edwards and N. Harris: An Introduction to the Earth-Life System (Cambridge University Press, 2008)			

EASC1407	**Dinosaur Ecosystems (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course aims to introduce: -Dinosaur biology. -How palaeontologists reconstruct ancient ecosystems using fossil and modern evidence. -Traits and significance of a Late Cretaceous ecosystem. In addition to these subject-specific aims, the course style and structure - particularly incorporated e-learning tools - are specifically designed to encourage the development of analytical skills and critical, logical, and lateral thinking. The course also provides opportunities to apply newly acquired knowledge.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course covers five topics: 1. Introduction to dinosaurs: Dinosaur biology ranging from their appearance, classification and diet to their evolution and extinction. Introduction of the main field site visited virtually and discussed in the course: Late Cretaceous site of Erlian in the southern Gobi Desert of China. 2. Meat-eating dinosaurs - theropods: Theropods discovered in Erlian, including their biology and insights into the preserved ecosystem. 3. Plant-eating dinosaurs - sauropodomorph and ornithischian dinosaurs: Erlian's herbivores from the dominant hadrosaurian ornithischians to the rare sauropodomorphs and the rarer non-hadrosaurian ornithischians. Insights into herbivore biology at the time and into the local ecosystem. 4. Living with dinosaurs: Non-dinosaurian reptiles, mammals, fish and invertebrates that lived with the dinosaurs of Erlian and their roles in the ecosystem. 5. Bringing dinosaurs and their ecosystems to life: evidence palaeontologists use to gain insight into dinosaur diet, behaviour, and growth.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	Memorise and correctly use the terminology covered.	
	CLO 2	Recall knowledge of dinosaur biology and demonstrate understanding of it in familiar and unfamiliar situations.	
	CLO 3	Remember how palaeontologists reconstruct ancient ecosystems using fossil and modern evidence and show understanding of it in familiar and unfamiliar situations.	
	CLO 4	Recall the traits and significance of the Late Cretaceous ecosystem of Erlian and compare and contrast Erlian with other contemporaneous ecosystems.	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery of the knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical abilities and strong critical and logical thinking. Evidence of lateral thinking and original thought. Ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex situations, both familiar and unfamiliar.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of good analytical abilities and good critical and logical thinking. Rare instances of lateral thinking and original thought. Ability to apply knowledge to familiar situations and some unfamiliar situations.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical abilities and some critical and logical thinking. Ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but only limited analytical abilities and limited critical thinking. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical abilities and lack of critical thinking, logical thinking and coherent thinking. Show little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	e-lectures (video recordings)	24
	Laboratory	literature and specimen-based labs	24
	Tutorials	group discussions	12
	Reading / Self study	course textbook, topical scientific papers and other self study	90

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour examination	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test	online weekly assessments (multiple-choice quizzes)	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	lab assignments	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Recommended reading (e-books and regular books): Dinosaur paleobiology. S.L. Brusatte. 2012. Wiley: New York. 322pp. [HKU main library e-book] The complete dinosaur (2nd ed.). M.K. Brett-Surman, T.R. Holtz, Jr. & J.O. Farlow (eds.). 2012. Indiana University Press: Bloomington. 1128pp. [HKU main library e-book] Dinosaurs: a concise natural history (3rd edition). D.E. Fastovsky, D.B. Weishampel, J. Sibbick. 2016. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge. 477pp. [good for students with non-science backgrounds; HKU main library: 567.9 F251 d58] The Dinosauria (2nd edition). Weishampel, D.B., Dodson, P., Osmolska, H. (eds.). 2004. University of California Press: Berkeley. 861pp. [more technical; HKU main library: 567.9 D58]
Additional Course Information	This course is a flipped-classroom version of the award-winning HKU MOOC Dinosaur Ecosystem (Faculty of Science Teaching Innovation in E-learning Award and nominee of edX Prize for Exceptional Contributions in Online Teaching and Learning). E-learning components are hosted on the easy-to-use HKU Online Learning platform (https://learning.hku.hk/catalog/), whilst tutorials and labs are in person and include fossil specimens from the Department of Earth Sciences, Stephen Hui Geological Museum and the HKU Vertebrate Palaeontology Laboratory.

EASC2401	**Fluid/solid interactions in earth processes (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K H Lemke, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(kono@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof K H Lemke,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course provides an overview of the physical and chemical principles that govern Earth processes		
Course Contents & Topics	List topics with approximate number of weeks - Earth in the laboratory, scaling time and space (1) - Introduction to thermodynamics, and the concept of equilibrium (2) - States of matter, phase diagrams - sublimation, condensation, crystallisation and melting (2) - Mineral-solution interfaces (1) - Energy exchange in Earth environments: convection, conduction and radiation (2) - Kinetics, reaction rates and isotope fractionation on geological time scales(1) - Newtonian mechanics and basic laws of motion (1) - Fluid flow and particle transport (1) - Gravitational, geostrophic and centripetal forces (1)		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand basic principles of equilibrium thermodynamics as applied to the Earth Sciences		
	CLO 2 use phase diagrams to explain processes of fluid/solid interactions, in particular systems containing melts and solids		
	CLO 3 describe how energy is exchanged throughout the Earth System,		
	CLO 4 demonstrate an understanding of principles governing isotope exchange reactions in single phase systems and across fluid/solid and fluid/gas interfaces.		
	CLO 5 comprehend the principles of motion and the basic forces affecting movement of gases, liquids and solids on Earth		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC1401 or EASC1402		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hour	24
	Laboratory	paper exercises	24
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	In-class	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Project report	3 projects	45	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Practical Chemical Thermodynamics for Geoscientists, (2012) Bruce Fegley, Academic Press Kevin Hefferan, John O'Brien (2010) Earth Materials, John Wiley & Sons

EASC2402	**Field and laboratory methods (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(jian@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr M C Cheung,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof J Zhang,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course is hands-on field and laboratory-based that introduces basic geological and geomorphological field and mapping techniques and the use of geological equipment and air photographs, an overview of the geology and natural environment of Hong Kong.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Maps and map reading, map reference system (lectures and class practice) - Interpretation of geological and topographic maps: topographic and geological cross sections, geological structures from outcrop patterns and structural contour lines (horizontal, inclined strata, folded, and faulted strata, unconformities (lectures and class practice) - Interpretation and use of air photographs (class practice) - Field observation and description of rocks, outcrops (with fieldtrips in Hong Kong) - Field observation and description of landscape units (with fieldtrips in Hong Kong) - Laboratory equipment and technicues (lectures and lab sessions)		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	read geological maps and comprehend 3-D geological structures from 2-D geological maps	
	CLO 2	construct a geological cross section showing interpreted subsurface rocks and structures, and natural landscape units	
	CLO 3	demonstrate techniques for basic field observations, measurements and identifications	
	CLO 4	create and interpret an internally consistent geological and landscape maps from a set of collected field observations and data	
	CLO 5	develop skills in integrating geological field data in determining a geological and landscape history and writing a structured field report	
	CLO 6	understand to the basics of a series of laboratory techniques for geological and environmental studies	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC1401 or EASC1402		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough and complete grasp of the subject in order to fulfill most or all learning outcomes. Shows strong ability to record observations on earth processes in the field and to apply knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar situations. Evidence of strong independent analytical, critical and logical thinking. Show strong ability to synthesize all observations made and knowledge in a field report and geological map with highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject required for most of the learning outcome. Shows evidence of ability to record observations on earth processes in the field and to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Evidence of independent analytical, critical and logical thinking. Shows ability to synthesize all observations made and knowledge in a field report and geological map with effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject required for most of the learning outcome. Evidence of some ability to record observations on earth processes in the field and apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Evidence of some independent analytical, critical and logical thinking. Show ability to synthesize most observations made and knowledge in a field report and geological map with moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp of the subject required for most of the learning outcome. Evidence of limited ability to record observations on earth processes in the field and limited application of knowledge to solve problems. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to synthesize some observations made and knowledge in a field report and geological map with barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp of the subject required for most of the learning outcome. Little or no evidence of ability to record observations on earth processes in the field and show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, coherent and logical thinking. Shows very little or no ability to synthesize observations made and knowledge in a field report and geological map with incoherent organizational and poor presentational skills.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures	12 sessions x 1 hour	12
Laboratory	12 hours paper exercise	12
Field work	4-day field camp & 2 day trips	48
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments	Lab exercises (40%) + Lab report (10%)	50	CLO 1, 2
Laboratory reports	Geological field work (map + field report)	50	CLO 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Comprehensive Course Notes provided. John Barnes: Basic Geological Mapping (Wiley, 1995, 3rd edition)

EASC2404	**Introduction to atmosphere and hydrosphere (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B Z Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(binzh@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr J J Chen,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof B Z Zhang,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces the atmosphere and hydrosphere systems, and explains at a basic level how they interact with one another.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction and course plan, Earth within a broader context (Solar System and other key features); Geological forces shaping the floor of the Oceans and Seas; Water Structure, Ocean Structure and Seawater Composition/Chemistry; Introduction to the Atmosphere; Heating Earth's surface and Atmosphere; Temperature;		

	Moisture and Atmospheric Stability; Forms of condensation and precipitation; Hydrological Cycle - an overview; Air Pressure and Winds; Intro to Atmospheric Circulation and Weather Systems; Ocean Circulation; Waves; Tides; Coasts; Groundwater basics; Groundwater usage, contamination, caves and karst; Glaciers and glacial landscapes; Climate system, proxy data, causes of climate change; Effects of climate change.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the important features which distinguish Earth from the other planets within our Solar System, particularly with regards to its outer fluid envelopes
CLO 2	appreciate that on a geological timescale, the ocean basins and the seas are continually changing their location and morphology, and why this is the case
CLO 3	understand the key features of water, and the critical role the compound plays in the Atmosphere-Hydrosphere system
CLO 4	understand the basic physical phenomena associated with the Atmosphere and the Oceans/Seas and their important lower-order elements
CLO 5	have an awareness of the scientifically "hot" Atmosphere and Hydrosphere topics

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC1401 or EASC1402		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Thorough grasp of the subject; evidence of strong critical abilities and logical thinking; highly effective organizational and presentational skills; insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly; integration of the full range of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques.
B	Substantial grasp of the subject; evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking; effective organizational and presentational skills; critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly; general integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques.
C	General but incomplete grasp of the subject; evidence of some critical abilities and logical thinking; moderately effective organizational and presentational skills; use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly; some partial integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques.
D	Limited grasp of the subject, retention of some relevant information of the subject; evidence of limited critical abilities; limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills; use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison; limited integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques.
Fail	Little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject; little or no evidence of critical abilities and logical / coherent thinking; incoherent organization and poor presentational skills; limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them; little or no or inapt integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory	including tutorials & discussion	24
Project work		10
Reading / Self study		90

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments		20	CLO 4, 5
Essay		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Presentation		5	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Tom S. Garrison: Oceanography: An Invitation to Marine Science Frederick K. Lutgens and Edward J. Tarbuck: The Atmosphere: An Introduction to Meteorology
Additional Course Information	If by any chance it is not possible for the group presentations to carried out, as was the case in Semester 1 2019 (November) due to the University campus activities being suspended, the associated individual essay mark will be increased from 25 to 30 and the group presentation score will be dropped.

EASC2406	**Geochemistry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W R Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(weiranli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr J C Liu,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof W R Li,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course provides an understanding of the fundamentals and approaches for geochemical analysis. It introduces students to the basic chemical principles, modern techniques and quantitative analysis for studying the earth.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Physical and chemical state of the earth, - Differentiation of and cosmic abundance of elements, - Aqueous solutions and chemistry of natural water, - Trace element, - Chemistry of igneous rocks, - Chemical controls on soil formation, - Radioactive isotope geochemistry, - Stable isotope geochemistry, - Oxidation and reduction, - Chemical weathering		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	demonstrate an understanding of basic principles of geochemistry and their applications to geological studies
CLO 2	describe element distribution in major rocks
CLO 3	apply the principles of isotopes to dating and studies of petrogenesis and climate changes
CLO 4	demonstrate knowledge of the chemical weathering processes

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in EASC2407

and Impermissible combinations)				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate extensive knowledge and skills at an advanced level required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply highly effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities, and limited ability to apply partially effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking, and ability to apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours		24
	Laboratory	paper exercises		24
	Tutorials			6
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Fure G.: Principle and applications of Geochemistry (Prentice Hall, 1998, 2nd ed.) Krauskopf K.B. and Bird D.K. Introduction to Geochemistry (McGraw-Hill, Inc. 1995, 3rd ed.) Walther J.V. : Essentials of Geochemistry (Jones and Bartlett Publishers 2005)			

EASC2407	**Mineralogy (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W R Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(weiranli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof W R Li,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide essential knowledge of mineralogy, to familiarize students with common minerals that are basis for study of petrography of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Mineral crystallization, mineral chemistry - Mineral symmetry, Miller indices - Physical properties of minerals - Mineral composition, structure and classification - Identification of rock forming minerals-hand specimens - Use of petrographic microscope - Optical properties under plane polarized light - Optical properties under orthoscopic illumination - Optical properties under conoscopic illumination - Identification of rock forming minerals in thin sections - Chemical variations of minerals		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe the methods and systems used in classification of minerals		
	CLO 2 apply the physical properties to identify rock-forming minerals		
	CLO 3 describe the principle of optical mineralogy		
	CLO 4 identify the common rock-forming minerals in hand specimens and thin sections		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC1402		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate extensive knowledge and skills at an advanced level required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply highly effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities, and limited ability to apply partially effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking, and ability to apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
Laboratory	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	C. Klein and C.S. Hurlbat: Manual of Mineralogy (Wiley, 1999, 1st ed.) W.D. Nesse: Introduction to Optical Mineralogy (Oxford University Press, 1998, 2nd ed).

EASC2408	**Planetary geology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z H Yao, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(yaozh@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr J C Liu,Earth & Planetary Sciences) (Dr Y Q Qian,Earth & Planetary Sciences) (Prof Z H Yao,Earth & Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course provides students with an introduction to the origin, evolution, structure, composition and distribution of matter in the Solar System condensed in the form of planets, satellites, comets, asteroids and rings, with particular emphasis on surface features, internal structures and histories from a geological point of view. The course incorporates the findings from recent space investigations, planetary imagery, remote sensing and Earth analogues to extraterrestrial features into a fascinating portrayal of the geological activities and histories in our Solar System.		
Course Contents & Topics	Formation, evolution, internal structure and surface processes of planetary bodies; the terrestrial planets Mercury, Venus, the Earth-Moon system, and Mars; the giant planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune and their moons; Pluto, Charon and the Kuiper Belt; asteroids, meteorites, comets and the Oort cloud; Origin of our Solar System.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe the basic features of our Solar System and its constituents
CLO 2	explain how this knowledge is acquired through observations and experiments
CLO 3	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key geological, physical and chemical processes governing the structure, formation and evolution of planetary bodies
CLO 4	compare and contrast our own planet Earth with other planetary bodies

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in or concurrent taking EASC1401 or EASC1402 or PHYS1650		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
Laboratory	5 sessions x 2 hours	10
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	N. McBride and I. Gilmour: An Introduction to the Solar System (Cambridge University Press, 2004) Harry Y. McSween, Jr. et al: Planetary Geoscience (Cambridge University Press, 2019)

EASC2409	**Regional field studies (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	20
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(jian@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Zhang (Wuhan Field Trip),Earth and Planetary Sciences) (TBC (Taiwan Field Trip),Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This field-based course introduces Taiwan and Wuhan's geology through hands-on studies and field excursions. The course is compulsory for students doing the Geology (Intensive) major.		

Course Contents & Topics	The course will introduce the following topics: Geological studies in Taiwan and Wuhan - Geological history of Taiwan and Wuhan - Recognition of rock units and minerals in the field - Field recognition and description of geological structures - Stratigraphic measurements - Field geology of active and passive margins, volcanic systems - Engineering geology - Management of geological hazards - Basic geological mapping techniques
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 have acquired a broad understanding of the geology of east Asia, in particular, Taiwan, Japan and/or South China CLO 2 be able to undertake basic field observations, stratigraphic measurements and identifications of rocks and minerals CLO 3 have acquired at least 3 days of experience in independent stratigraphic logging and geological mapping CLO 4 develop skills in integrating geological field data in determining a geological history and writing a structured field report
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC1401 or EASC1402
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an advanced level of understanding of the geology of the study sites, ability to give a detailed account of the geological history of the study region, as well as strong ability to produce good-quality reports on independent field measurements. **B** Demonstrate a satisfactory understanding of the geology of the study sites with evidence on efforts to unravel the geological history of the study region and acceptable level of competence in field measurement techniques. **C** Could only demonstrate an incomplete understanding of the geology of the study sites and some ability to make field observations and a basic knowledge on field measurement techniques. **D** Demonstrate limited understanding of the geology of the study sites and limited ability to apply field measurement techniques. **Fail** Show no or little knowledge of the geology of the study sites and lack of ability in making field observations and applying field measurement techniques.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Field work / 14 days / 100 Reading / Self study / / 20
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Report / Prof SC Chang's field trip (Oral presentation 20%, Reports 20% & Sketches 10%) & Prof J Zhang's field trip (Field reports 25%, Field notes (format/descriptions) 10% & Oral presentation 15%) / 100 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Comprehensive course notes provided
Additional Course Information	Priority for being able to take this course is given to Year 3 and 4 students, especially those who have already participated in the linked field trip in the preceding academic year and completed the associated assignment(s), and those doing the Geology/Geology Intensive majors. The Taiwan trip will be in late December or early January each year.

EASC2410	**Data analysis and modeling in earth sciences (6 credits)** **Academic Year** 2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences **Quota** ---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(binzh@hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	(Dr J J Chen,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof B Zhang,Earth and Planetary Sciences)
Course Objectives	This course uses a hands-on approach to introduce the basic principles of data analysis and mathematical modeling in earth sciences using Python through practical examples.
Course Contents & Topics	Python programming basics; NumPy and Matplotlib; Data wrangling with Pandas; Visualisation, Maps; Statistical data analysis including distributions, hypothesis testing, regression; Time series analysis including spectrum and decomposition; Introduction to geospatial data analysis; numerical solutions to mathematical equations.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Explain basic statistical concepts and their applications to earth science data processing and modeling CLO 2 Demonstrate knowledge in basic numerical methods, their applications in earth sciences, and limitations CLO 3 Apply appropriate methods to analyze, process and visualize earth science data, with the help of computer software
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC1401
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a

		wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Two in-class examinations (30% each)	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Python for beginners: https://www.python.org/about/gettingstarted/

EASC2411	**Introduction to the Earth-Life system (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y L Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(yiliang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y L Li,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course provides students with an introduction to the biosphere, including physical, chemical, geological and biological interpretations on the co-evolution of life, atmosphere, hydrosphere and geosphere through deep geological time, the current Earth-Life interactions with the influence of human impact and the future of the Human-Earth system.		
Course Contents & Topics	A habitable planet; the carbon cycle; plate tectonics, climate and life; mountains and climate change; the emergence and persistence of life; life in the Phanerozoic; the Earth at extremes; the future of the Human-Earth system		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 understand the coevolution of the inanimate world and the living world on Earth through deep geological time
	CLO 2 explain why the Earth is a habitable planet
	CLO 3 understand the biological process as an agent of the modern and past Earth system
	CLO 4 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the natural carbon cycle and the impacts of human activities
	CLO 5 analyse qualitatively questions related to systematic structure and evolution of the Earth-life system

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC1401 Not for students who have passed in EASC1406		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough and complete grasp of the subject in order to fulfil most or all learning outcomes. Show clear understanding of the connections between the geosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere of the modern Earth and in the geological past. Able to understand the interactions between human beings and the nature only happens as the latest processes on Earth.
	B	Demonstrate understanding at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills with evidence for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show understanding of the connections between the geosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere of the modern Earth and in the geological past. Can demonstrate the interactions between human beings and the nature only happen in the latest geological time.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete understanding required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Moderately effective organization and presentation skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited understanding for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Get no or little knowledge about the subject. No evidence for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Very little or no ability for solving problems. Poor organization and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	C. Cockell, R. Corfield, N. Edwards and N. Harris: An Introduction to the Earth-Life System (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

EASC3020	Global change: anthropogenic impacts (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(zhliu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z H Liu,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course will explore the role of humans in global change and the environmental responses to such changes. Causes and impacts of climate change will be discussed.		
Course Contents & Topics	Global warming, greenhouse gas emission, past climates, climatic and environmental changes vs. culture evolution, natural vs. anthropogenic climate change, model projections of future climate change, scientific uncertainty, impacts of climate change, including sea level, fresh water, food, ecosystems and human health		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	recognise the complexity of global climate systems
CLO 2	recognise the controversy of anthropogenic global warming
CLO 3	identify modern environmental issues
CLO 4	assess the credibility of various scientific arguments

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2404 or ENVS2001		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Show insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show critical use of relevant information from sources and ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Demonstrate mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show use of relevant information from sources and ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Show limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Project work		30
Tutorials		12
Discussion		24
Reading / Self study		48

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Project report		25	CLO 2, 3, 4
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 4
Essay	Coursework Assessment	25	CLO 1, 2, 4

EASC3402	Petrology (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G Zhao, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(gzhao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Y L Zhu,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof G Zhao,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To give students an understanding of the features in sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks, as well as the ability to identify major rock types and their textures and structures in both hand specimens and under microscope.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Magma and magmatism; textures and structures of igneous rocks, classification of igneous rocks, including volcanism and plutonism - Basic igneous rocks - Intermediate igneous rocks - Acid igneous rocks - Sedimentary diagenesis, classification of sedimentary rocks; textures and structures of sedimentary rocks. - Clastic sedimentary rocks: conglomerate and sandstone, siltstone and mudstone - Biochemical sedimentary rocks: limestone and dolostone - Metamorphism; controlling factors of metamorphism; textures and structures of metamorphic rocks; classification of metamorphic rocks - Meta-pelitic rocks - Meta-basic rocks - Meta-carbonate rocks and meta-felsic rocks		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	identify major igneous rocks and their textures and structures in both hand specimens and under microscope

	CLO 2	identify major sedimentary rocks and their textures and structures in both hand specimens and under microscope
	CLO 3	identify major metamorphic rocks and their textures and structures in both hand specimens and under microscope
	CLO 4	make full description and write report on the above rock types

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2407			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations.		
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations.		
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.		
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours		24
	Laboratory	specimen descriptions & thin-section observations under microscope		24
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Harvey Blatt and Robert J. Tracy, Petrology (Second Edition; W.H. Freman and Company, New York)			

EASC3403	**Sedimentary environments (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof N R McKenzie, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(ryan00@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Michalski,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof N R McKenzie,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course discusses the origin, diagenesis, classification and economic importance of sedimentary rocks. Students will learn features and processes of sedimentary geology, paleontology and depositional processes.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Overview of sedimentary geology - Physics of erosion, transportation and sedimentation - Sedimentary structures - Depositional environments (non-marine) - Depositional environments (marine) - Sequence stratigraphy - Basin analysis - Sedimentary environment around Hong Kong - Sedimentary environment on Mars		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe the nature and significance of sedimentary features and structures	
	CLO 2	identify carbonate and siliciclastic rocks in hand sample	
	CLO 3	describe the facies in a depositional environment	
	CLO 4	undertake detailed study of a stratigraphic section in the field	
	CLO 5	conduct basic observations and interpretations from outcrops	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2402 or EASC3402		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab/fieldwork skills and techniques. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab/fieldwork skills and techniques. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Show some analytical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab/fieldwork skills and techniques. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp of the subject. Show some analytical abilities and logical thinking. Apply partially effective lab/fieldwork skills and techniques. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no grasp of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical abilities and logical thinking. Apply minimally effective lab/fieldwork skills and techniques. Organization and presentational skills are ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24

Laboratory	6 sessionsx 2 hours		12
Field work	1 day trip with field project		8
Project work	Examples for sedimentary environments		12
Reading / Self study			90

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	In-class	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test	Mid-term examination	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Laboratory reports	Labs and Field Exercise	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Presentation		10	CLO 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials: Sedimentology and Stratigraphy (Second Edition), Gary Nichols

EASC3404	**Structural geology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(jian@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Zhang,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		

Course Objectives

Structural Geology is a branch of geology that deals with the study of the deformation and arrangement of rocks in the Earth. It focuses on understanding the processes that result in the formation of geological structures, such as folds, faults, joints, and shear zones. It introduces the principles and techniques used to analyze and interpret rock structures ranging from micro- to kilo-metre scales. It covers topics such as stress and strain analysis, rock deformation mechanisms and tectonic evolutions. Students will also learn how to identify and classify different types of geological structures, understanding their significance in the Earth's history and geodynamic processes. The course includes fieldwork exercises, laboratory analysis, and the use of optical microscopes to study deformational microstructures.

Course Contents & Topics

Class-room based: lecture and laboratory

- Introduction
- Stress
- Stereonets
- Deformation mechanisms
- Strain
- Joints
- Rheology
- Faults and fault systems
- Fault plane solutions
- Folds
- Shear Zones
- Fabrics (foliations, lineations)
- Contractional and extensional systems
- Kink method for cross-section construction
- Structurally focused map interpretation
- Balanced cross sections
- Structural controls on mineral deposits

Fieldwork
- 1-Day field trip: Joints & Folds - Ma Shi Chau, New Territory
- 3-Day field camp: Ductile shear zone, anatexis & rheological structures- Yangjiang City; western Guangdong Province, mainland China

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand a moderate level rock deformation
CLO 2	interpret structural data from a geology map
CLO 3	plot and interpret structural data on a stereonet
CLO 4	appreciate 3D rock and 4D rock-time relationships

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations): Pass in EASC2402 and EASC3402

Offer in 2025 - 2026: Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination**: Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Thorough grasp of the subject; evidence of strong critical abilities and logical thinking; apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations; highly effective fieldwork skills and techniques; critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions; integration of the full range of appropriate theories, principles, evidence and techniques.
B	Substantial grasp of the subject; evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking; apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations; effective fieldwork skills and techniques; correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions; general integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques.
C	General but incomplete grasp of the subject; evidence of some critical abilities and logical thinking; apply knowledge to most familiar situations; moderately effective fieldwork skills and techniques; mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions; some partial integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques.
D	Limited grasp of the subject, retention of some relevant information of the subject; evidence of limited critical abilities; limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems; partially effective fieldwork skills and techniques; limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions; limited integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques.
Fail	Little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject; little or no evidence of critical abilities and coherent thinking; very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems; minimally effective or ineffective fieldwork skills and techniques; misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions; little or no or inapt integration of theories, principles, evidence and techniques.

Communication-intensive Course: N

Course Type: Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		28

	Laboratory	Stereonet projection, Mohr circle, Flinn diagram, restoration of cross-section, construction of 3D blocks / ore body.	20
	Field work	4 days field trip	32
	Project work	additional 1-2 days self-directed 'field' studies of facing stones showing interesting structural features	20
	Reading / Self study		50

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	Final Examination	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Lab assignments	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports	Field Report I (10%) & Field Report II (20%)	30	CLO 1, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. Haakon Fossen, Structural Geology, 2016, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, ISBN-13: 978-1-107-05764-7. 2. Twiss & Moores. 2007. Structural Geology, 2nd edition. # 551.8 T974. 3. van der Pluijm & Marshak. 2004. Earth structure: an introduction to structural geology and tectonics. # 551.8 V21.
Additional Course Information	Structural geology has lots of associated textbooks with many in the HKU library. Furthermore, there are lots of web-hosted materials. Therefore, the three named books are not required purchases.

EASC3405	**Environmental remote sensing (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	54
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M Wang, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(mengqiu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J Wu,Biological Sciences) (Prof M Wang,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces remote sensing as a key tool for observing and understanding Earth as an interconnected system. We will learn how satellite, airborne, and drone observations are used to study the atmosphere, oceans, land, ice, and ecosystems, and how these components interact with one another and respond to human activities. We will work with real satellite data to develop practical data analysis skills and develop the ability to interpret environmental information.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Introduction to Environmental Remote sensing 2. Electromagnetic Radiation 3. Physical Remote Sensing: Sensors, Platforms, and Data 4. From Raw Data to Analysis-Ready Data: Atmospheric Correction and Map Projection 5. Remote Sensing Methods in Global Change 6. Remote Sensing of Atmosphere 7. Land Cover and Change 8. Ocean Monitoring 9. Geological Applications of Remote Sensing to Earth and Other Environment 10. Time Series Analysis of Long-term Satellite Data 11. Climate change and Ecosystem Responses		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge of how remotely sensed data are acquired	
	CLO 2	comprehend the basic techniques of image processing	
	CLO 3	handle remotely sensed data within geographic information systems	
	CLO 4	understand how remotely sensed be used for environmental assessment	
	CLO 5	evaluate and interpret remotely sensed data	
	CLO 6	present and discuss results	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2404 or EASC2406 or EASC2407 or ENVS2002		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities, and limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24
	Project work		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Test	Two tests (20% & 20%)	40	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5
	Laboratory reports	Lab exercises	50	CLO 2, 3, 5
	Presentation	In-class presentation	10	CLO 1, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Remote Sensing: Principles and Applications (3rd edition) Author(s) : Floyd F. Sabins Publisher : Waveland Press Edition : 3rd Print ISBN : 9781577665076, 1577665074 eText ISBN : 9781478618171.0 If you sign up for the course, plan on buying the book. The e-version is inexpensive. You will be expected to know the material from the book.
Course Website	http://www.clays.space
Additional Course Information	You can learn more by visiting the website http://www.clays.space

EASC3406	**Reconstruction of past climate (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(zhliu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z H Liu,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course provides students with an understanding of how dynamic earth is and how it has changed over the last 2.6 million years. This course introduces the theory and methods of climate reconstructions.		
Course Contents & Topics	The Quaternary period (1), Climate changes in the last 2.6 million years (1), Driven forces of climate change (1) Quantitative reconstruction methods (1) Pollen analysis and biological proxies (2) Climate change in arid regions (1) Quaternary geochronology (1) Climate changes in East Asia (1) Climate change impacts on human evolution and society (1) Global warming and future climate change (1) Climate change in Asia and Europe		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	understand the earth climate change during last 2.6 million years
CLO 2	understand the driving forces of climate changes in different scales
CLO 3	learn the methods for palaeo-environment reconstruction
CLO 4	understand the impacts of climate changes
CLO 5	synthesize and interpret data sets of climate change proxies

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2401		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
	Laboratory	2 sessions	4
	Field work	1 half-day fieldtrip	5
	Tutorials	8 sessions	16
	Reading / Self study		90

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	J.J. Lowe and M.J.C. Walker Reconstructing Quaternary Environments. (Harlow, Essex : Addison Wesley Longman, 1997, 2nd ed) W.F. Ruddiman: Earths climate: Past and future (Freeman, 2008, 2nd ed.) D.E. Anderson, A.S. Goudie and A.G. Parker: Global Environments through the Quaternary (Oxford, 2007)

Additional Course Information	Previous course code & title: EASC2131 A Cool World: Ice Ages and Climate Change

EASC3408	**Geophysics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(liuxine@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X Liu,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	An overview of the geophysical characteristics and processes of the solid earth and a survey of the various geophysical disciplines, including seismology, gravity, geothermometry, geomagnetism, as well as exploration geophysical methods for studying the earth's interior and near subsurface structure.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Gravity and gravity anomalies - Geomagnetism - Thermal Properties of the Earth - Seismology		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe the approaches and methods geophysicists use to study the interior of the earth CLO 2 apply basic techniques in measurements of earthquakes and interpret a seismogram CLO 3 describe the procedure to determine gravity anomalies and their interpretation CLO 4 understand the methods of paleomagnetism and describe the processes of rock magnetisation CLO 5 describe how density, pressure and temperature of the earth's interior are determined		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2401 or PHYS2250		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrated an in-depth understanding of the subject well above the expected level of an university undergraduate and achieving over 80% of total marks and an ability to pursue advance-level study in some of the geophysics subdisciplines.
B	Demonstrate an understanding of the subject at the appropriate level of a university student and achieving 70% of the total course marks. A greater effort and further preparation are needed if student plans to pursue further study of geophysics.
C	Coursework and examination results reflect only a basic understanding of the subject without the ability to carry out in-depth analysis. Achieved 60-70% of total course marks.
D	Demonstrated an insufficient understanding of the subject as total course mark achieved is below 60%. The pass grade is reflective only of the time the student puts in on the subject.
Fail	A total lack of effort and insufficient ability to understand the subject and failure to achieve 50% of the available course marks.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
Laboratory	2 computer exercises, 2 field exercises on exploration geophysical methods	24
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	Two in-class examinations	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	Homework assignments	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Laboratory reports		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

EASC3409	**Igneous and metamorphic petrogenesis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G Zhao, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(gzhao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Y L Zhu,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof G Zhao,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a comprehensive coverage of the principles and techniques used in the study of petrogenesis of igneous and metamorphic rocks and their cause-and-effect relationships with tectonic settings and crustal evolution.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Magma generation: physiochemical conditions and tectonic settings. - Application of trace elements and isotopes to the study of magma genesis - Basaltic magmatism and mantle characteristics - Granitic magma and crustal characteristics - Magmatism at convergent boundaries - Magmatism and crustal growth - Types of metamorphism - Chemical equilibrium/disequilibrium in metamorphism; metamorphic phase diagrams (ACF, A'KF, AFM, etc) - Metamorphic processes and reactions - Metamorphic petrogenesis and evolution of pelitic rocks - Metamorphic petrogenesis and evolution of mafic rocks - Metamorphism in different tectonic settings; metamorphic pressure-temperature-time (P-T-t) paths and their tectonic implications.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 use rock associations, textures, structures and geochemical characteristics to infer the petrogenesis of major igneous rocks CLO 2 use magmatic rocks to study the mantle and crustal characteristics CLO 3 apply mineral assemblages, microtextures, mineral reaction relationships and metamorphic P-T paths to infer the tectonothermal evolution of metamorphic rocks CLO 4 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of magmatic and metamorphic processes and their cause-and-effect relationships with tectonic settings and crustal evolution		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in EASC3402		

and Impermissible combinations)	
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate extensive knowledge and skills at an advanced level required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply highly effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities, and limited ability to apply partially effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking, and ability to apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory		24
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	M.G. Best: Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology (Oxford Blackwell Science, 2003, 2nd ed.) John D Winter: An Introduction to Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology (Prentice Hall, 2001)

EASC3410	**Hydrogeology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J J Jiao, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(jjiao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J J Jiao,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to introduce some basic concepts and theories of groundwater flow with special reference to case studies in HK. It consists of three components: 1) fundamentals of groundwater physics; 2) well hydraulics and evaluation of groundwater as a resource; and 3) influence of groundwater on geotechnical and environmental engineering		
Course Contents & Topics	Hydrologic Cycle And water Budgets, Introduction to Hydrogeology (1 Week) Properties Of Aquifers (2 Weeks) Hydraulic head and flow net(2 Weeks) Basic Equations of Groundwater Flow (1 Week) Groundwater Flow To Wells (1 Week) Analysis Of Aquifer Test(2 Weeks) Well installation & pumping test design(1 Week) Regional Groundwater Flow Systems (HK case study)(1 Week) Groundwater contamination (China case study)(Week 12)		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	appreciate the importance of hydrogeology in geotechnical and environmental engineering
CLO 2	understand basic concepts of hydrological cycle and water balance, and interaction between groundwater and surface water
CLO 3	appreciate the close relationship between groundwater system and geology and topography
CLO 4	understand basic concepts of aquifer and aquifer properties, hydraulic head, flow net, and basic principles of groundwater flow
CLO 5	use basic field aquifer tests to estimate some important aquifer parameters

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2402
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex practical problems. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most practical problems. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to some practical problems. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve practical problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve practical problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N

Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
	Laboratory	10 x 2 hours	20
	Field work	Half day field trip	5
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	C. W. Fetter: Applied Hydrogeology (Pearson Education Limited, 2014, 4th ed.)

EASC3412	**Earth resources (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	, Earth and Planetary Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide students with knowledge about the classification of mineral deposits and their basic features; to understand the processes that lead to their formation; to gain hand on experience with mining procedures. In addition, students should gain knowledge about the world wide distributions of mineral and industrial resources.		
Course Contents & Topics	Concepts in mineral deposits and mining industrial; exploration and mining methods, classification of mineral deposit, mineral deposit models, magmatic oxide and sulfide deposits, skarn deposits, porphyre deposits, volcanogenic massive sulfide deposits, coal, oil and gas, resource evaluation.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand the terminology and nomenclature in the mining industrial and mineral deposits
	CLO 2	understand factors that are key to the formation of metallic and industrial resources
	CLO 3	understand the controls of earth resources in a global scale
	CLO 4	understand methods of exploration and exploitation for mineral deposits

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2402 or EASC3402
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough understanding at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills with evidence for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Evidence of original thoughts, excellent field observation and ability to solve problems. Highly effective organization and presentation skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial understanding at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills with evidence for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Evidence of original thoughts and abilities of field observation. Effective organization and presentation skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete understanding required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Moderately effective organization and presentation skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited understanding for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	No or little knowledge about the subject. No evidence for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Very little or no ability for field observation and for solving problems. Poor organization and presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	2 hour lectures per week for 10 weeks	20
	Laboratory		20
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		50	CLO 1, 2, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC

EASC3413	**Engineering geology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	35
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L N Y Wong, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(lnywong@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J J Jiao,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof L N Y Wong,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To present some of the concepts and skills of importance in the profession of Engineering Geology and illustrate their use by case histories.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to engineering design and the role of the Engineering Geologist; site investigation concepts and skills (air photo interpretation, soil and rock description, engineering geological plans, reporting); slopes, foundations. Case histories from Hong Kong.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	appreciate how civil engineering design is carried out and understand the work of the geologist on engineering projects, particularly the economic- and safety-critical duties
	CLO 2	make simple engineering-geological models and understand how desk study, site reconnaissance survey and ground investigation design should be carried out

	CLO 3	carry out simple air photo interpretation tasks and elementary soil and rock description and classification for engineering purposes
	CLO 4	understand major types of slope failures and basic methods to control and mitigate landslides
	CLO 5	carry out stability analyses using methods such as the limit equilibrium and stereographic projection method

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC3410 and EASC3414, or already enrolled in these courses This course is only for final year students.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge and skills to solve a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar practical problems. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge and skills to solve familiar and some unfamiliar practical problems. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge and skills to solve most familiar, but not unfamiliar, practical problems. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge and skills to solve familiar practical problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge and skills to practical problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		20
	Field work	half day field trip	5
	Reading / Self study		90

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	including field report	50	CLO 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Goodman, R. E.: Engineering Geology (Wiley, 1993).

EASC3414	**Soil and rock mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J J Jiao, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(jjiao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J J Jiao,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof L N Y Wong,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide a basic knowledge of soil and rock mechanics for those wishing to consider further studies on a career in engineering geology/geotechnics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Stress and strain; properties and classifications of soil and rock; clay minerals; pore pressure and effective stress; strength and failure criteria, initial stresses and their measurement; deformation; consolidation; planes of weakness in rocks; ground treatment methods.		

Course Learning Outcomes		
	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand basic concepts of stress and strain, pore pressure and effective stress, strength and failure criteria
	CLO 2	understand basic properties and classifications of soil and rock
	CLO 3	appreciate the process of rock deformation and soil consolidation

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC3410, or already enrolled in this course			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		24

	Reading / Self study			100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R. F. Craig: Soil Mechanics (Chapman & Hall, 6th ed.) R. E. Goodman: Introduction to Rock Mechanics (John Wiley & Sons, 1989)

EASC3415	**Meteorology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Dazhi Xi, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(dazhixi@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Dazhi Xi,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course will cover the five major components of meteorology: (1) thermodynamics, (2) physical meteorology, (3) observation and analysis, (4) dynamics, and (5) weather systems (cyclones, fronts, thunderstorms). The aim is to provide students with a modern understanding of drivers and behavior of weather by examining the processes that govern atmospheric structure and behavior, weather elements, and weather systems.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Overview of Meteorology 2. Basic Atmospheric Dynamics Equations 3. Atmospheric Thermodynamics 4. Moisture and Clouds 5. Atmospheric Stability 6. Large-Scale Atmospheric Circulation, Weather Maps and Diagrams 7. Fronts, Extratropical Cyclone and Anti-Cyclone 8. The Westerlies 9. Tropical Meteorology Basics 10. Monsoon 11. Mesoscale Meteorology Basics 12. Special Topics: Cold Waves 13. Special Topics: Tropical Cyclones 14. Special Topics: Thunderstorms		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	describe key aspects of weather phenomena
CLO 2	explain essential elements of atmospheric processes governing weather
CLO 3	apply physical principles to construct models for some basic aspects of weather
CLO 4	explain synoptic charts (weather maps)
CLO 5	interpret Hong Kong weather (typhoons etc.)

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2404		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Show insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate correct use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show critical use of relevant information from sources and ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Demonstrate mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show use of relevant information from sources and ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Show use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Show limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		18
	Tutorials		18
	Discussion		7.5
	Reading / Self study		122.5
	Assessment		14

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Project report	research report	25	CLO 1, 4, 5
	Presentation	in-class presentations and weather reports	30	CLO 1, 4, 5
	Test	mid-semester test	15	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	problem sets	30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Atmospheric Science an Introductory Survey by John M. Wallace and Peter V. Hobbs Meteorology Today: an Introduction to Weather, Climate, and the Environment by C. Donald Ahrens and Robert Henson

EASC3416	**Advanced geochemistry and geochronology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	, Earth and Planetary Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To present key concepts of modern geochemistry and geochronology and their application to environmental and Earth science problems.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Principles of radiogenic isotopic dating and modern instruments 2. Zircon U-Pb isotopic dating and its application 3. Principles and techniques for dating mineral deposits 4. Introduction to Quaternary geochronology 5. Principle, development and applications of Luminescence dating		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge of concepts and ideas of modern geochemistry CLO 2 explain principles of radiogenic isotopic dating CLO 3 understand how modern analytical techniques are applied to dating earth materials CLO 4 understand how geochemical methods are applied to gain insight into process in environmental and Earth sciences		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2401 or EASC2406 or EASC2407		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Student demonstrates thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all course learning outcomes. Shows strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and the ability to apply his/her knowledge to a wide range of problems in geochemistry, and at the same, can combine fundamental knowledge in geochemistry to understand the interactions among minerals, fluids and gases and how these processes impact fluxes of materials over geological time periods and on a global scale. Student shows the ability to apply highly effective organizat-ional and presentational skills.
B	Student demonstrates substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and apply his/her knowledge to a range of problems in geochemistry, and at the same combine knowledge in geochemistry to understand material fluxes among minerals, fluids and gases over geological time periods and on a global scale. Student shows the ability to apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Student demonstrates general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply his/her knowledge to a range of problems in geochemistry and how interactions among minerals, fluids and gases impact material fluxes on a global scale. Student shows the ability to apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Student demonstrates partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to understand key topics in geochemistry and limited capability to transfer this knowledge to geological phenomena. Student shows the ability to apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Student demonstrates little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Shows very little or no ability to apply knowledge to understand basic topics related to the geochemistry and the application of these principles to geological problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Laboratory	Up to 24 hours	24
Group work		24
Discussion	Up to 24 hours	24
Reading / Self study		60

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Project report		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Geochemistry by William M. White (Wuley, Apr 1, 2013)

EASC3417	**Earth through time (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y L Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(yiliang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y L Li,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To introduce the concept of geological time and basic geological principles. To provide an understanding of the fossil record and the integration of Earth Systems and plate tectonics. To gain an appreciation of our place in the Universe, an understanding of the evolution of Earth and life on Earth through time.		
Course Contents & Topics	Geological time, the origin of life, fossils and diversification of life through time, Important events in Earth history such as Snowball Earth, the Cambrian explosion of life, the Permian/Triassic mass extinction, the Cretaceous Tertiary extinction event, the origins of humans		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 define basic geological principles CLO 2 explain critical geological relationships CLO 3 outline the history of the development of our planet		

	CLO 4	interpret the geological record of evolution through time
	CLO 5	compare and contrast various hypotheses put forward to explain major events in Earth history
	CLO 6	describe major fossil groups

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC3403			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Attend all the laboratory classes; showing strong ability in experiments, data processing and analysis; presenting lab reports with accurate language and correct results.		
	B	Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Attend all the laboratory classes; showing ability in experiments, data processing and analysis; presenting lab reports with correct results.		
	C	Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Attend most of the laboratory classes; showing ability in experiments, data processing and analysis; presenting lab reports with mostly correct results.		
	D	Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Attend >50% of the laboratory classes; showing ability in experiments, data processing and analysis; presenting lab reports with acceptable results.		
	Fail	Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Miss more than half of lab work; not able to turn laboratory reports; cannot properly use computer and software for data processing; the lab report fail to give correct result.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course			

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Laboratory		12
	Project work		12
	Reading / Self study		90

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Laboratory reports		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Presentation	Group Presentation	10	CLO 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Stanley, S. M and Luczaj, J. A.: Earth System History (4th Edition)

EASC3418	**Coasts and coastal change (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof N Khan, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(nskhan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof N Khan,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course offers students an opportunity to explore coastal systems through classroom studies, lab sessions and fieldtrips. Teaching material covers short-term to long-term processes of different coastal systems, natural and human drivers for coastal landform formation and evolution, and economic development and natural hazards on coastal environments.		
Course Contents & Topics	The content of this course includes: - Major coastal environments: rocky coast, beaches and dunes, lagoons, estuaries, river deltas - Natural drivers for coastal processes: wave, tide, coastal currents, freshwater and sediment discharge - Coastal processes: sediment transport and deposition, biological activity - Human drivers for coastal change: settlements, infrastructures and coastal hazards - Short and long term coastal change: storms, climate and sea-level change		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	Describe the tectonic geomorphological processes that shape landscapes
	CLO 2	Assess quantitatively uplift and erosion
	CLO 3	Demonstrate knowledge of weathering processes and relationship to climate
	CLO 4	Understand fundamental elemental cycles at Earth's surface
	CLO 5	Apply methods and proxies for Earth surface process studies

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2401 and EASC2402 OR Pass in ENVS2001			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery of the course material. Show strong ability for analytical, critical and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show evidence of analytical, critical thought to some complex issues. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills		
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show evidence of some critical and logical thinking abilities. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of the course material and a limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of course material with very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Lack of critical thinking abilities and incoherent thinking. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective		

	or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 lectures @2 hours each	24
	Laboratory		18
	Field work		16
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Project report		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Davidson-Arnott, 2010. Introduction to Coastal Processes and Geomorphology. Cambridge University Press. Masselink, Hughes and Knight, 2011. Introduction to Coastal Processes and Geomorphology. Routledge.

EASC3419	**Earth System Science Field Studies (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Earth and Planetary Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Nicole S Khan,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (TBC,)		
Course Objectives	In this field-based course, students will study the structure and dynamic processes of coastal zones, mountain glaciers, deserts and loess landforms. Students will learn basic methods of field observation and survey so as to find out the systematic links between the different components of the Earth system.		
Course Contents & Topics	Dynamic interactions between the atmospheric, oceanic, and terrestrial parts of the coastal zones; structure and dynamics of mountain glaciers; structure, mineral composition, and the role of wind in the formation of deserts and loess landforms.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	describe interactions between the sea, atmosphere and terrestrial environments at the coastal zone
CLO 2	describe principal characteristics of mountain glaciers, deserts and loess
CLO 3	explain causes and dynamic processes of these environments
CLO 4	show knowledge and critical understanding of the systematic relationships between these environments
CLO 5	demonstrate capability in analyzing the sustainable development of the human-environment relationships

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass one of the following 2000-level courses: EASC2402 or ENVS2001 or GEOG2137 Or upon special arrangement with the course coordinator		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of knowledge and skills required for a planned field investigation. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of insights, and the ability to apply the knowledge to analyze the Earth system structure. Can insightfully combine the field investigation and indoor analysis to understand the interactions between the different components of the Earth system and human impact. Show high competence in integrating knowledge and presentation skills.
	B	Demonstrates a substantial grasp of a wide range of knowledge and skills required for a planned field investigation. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and apply the knowledge to analyze the Earth system structure. Can combine the field investigation and indoor analysis to understand the difference between the natural and human-impacted processes. Show competence in integrating knowledge and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrates a general but incomplete grasp of knowledge and skills required for a planned field investigation. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply the knowledge to analyze some Earth System problems and the difference in rates and processes between natural and human-impacted processes. Shows the ability to integrate the learned knowledge and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrates partial but limited command of knowledge and some skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to understand key processes in Earth Systems and limited capability to link this knowledge to the other systems. Shows certain ability to apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little evidence of getting the knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show little ability to apply knowledge to understand the basic processes in Earth systems. Show little ability to integrate the collected materials and minimally effective or ineffective presentational skills.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Field work	Field trip (23 days x 8 hours per day)	184
	Reading / Self study	Preparation of final video (in groups)	16

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Oral examination	33	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Daily assessement	33	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Report	Video project	34	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Required reading to be announced. Three two-hour pre-trip course meetings, including two film screenings and discussion. Practical seminar with a documentary filmmaker.
Additional Course Information	Starting on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains in the northwestern U.S.A., we will make a three-week transect to the Pacific coast, covering more than 3500 km, and visiting a range of landscapes from glaciated alpine terrain, to loess plateaus, to sand dunes and deserts, and to coastlines. The Pacific Northwest of the United States encompasses range of landforms, climates, geology, soils, and biomes that are both relatively easy to access and visible over short distances. Priority of enrollment will be given to Earth System Science major students.

EASC3420	**Machine Learning for Earth and Planetary Sciences (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B Zhang, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(binzh@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B Zhang,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	- Introduce students to the fundamental concepts of artificial intelligence and machine learning in the context of earth and planetary sciences. - Provide a basic understanding of machine learning algorithms and their applications in analyzing geospatial datasets. - Familiarize students with the process of data preprocessing, feature selection, and model training for earth and planetary science applications. - Equip students with practical skills to implement and evaluate machine learning models for tasks like classification, regression, and clustering. - Encourage critical thinking and problem-solving skills by applying machine learning techniques to real-world earth/planetary datasets. - Cultivate an appreciation for the potential of artificial intelligence and machine learning in advancing research and innovation in earth and planetary sciences.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Basic concepts of machine learning for earth and planetary science - Data pre-processing (Python re-visited) - Unsupervised Learning - Supervised Learning - Scaling Machine Learning Models (Optional) - Introduction to Deep Learning		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	Demonstrate a foundational understanding of key machine learning concepts and techniques as applied to earth and planetary sciences.	
	CLO 2	Apply machine learning algorithms to analyze and interpret geospatial data, and effectively communicate the results to a non-technical audience.	
	CLO 3	Develop practical skills in data preprocessing, feature engineering, model selection, and evaluation to address earth science research questions using machine learning methods.	
	CLO 4	Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of machine learning models in the context of earth and planetary sciences and propose appropriate solutions for improving model performance.	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass EASC2410 or have proficiency in programming languages, preferably Python.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate extensive knowledge and skills at an advanced level required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply highly effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities, and limited ability to apply partially effective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking, and ability to apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques to solve problems. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Laboratory	In-class coding practice	24
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments	Weekly coding homework	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project report	Written report (25%) + presentation (25%)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	"Machine Learning for Planetary Science" by Joern Helbert et al. "Machine Learning for Earth Sciences" by Maurizio Petrelli

EASC3999	**Directed studies in earth sciences (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(zhliu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the Department,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To enhance the student's knowledge of a particular topic and the student's self-directed learning and critical thinking skills.		
Course Contents & Topics	The student undertakes a self-managed study on a topic in earth sciences under the supervision of a staff member. The topic is preferably one not sufficiently covered in the regular curriculum. The directed study can be a critical		

	review or a synthesis of published work on the subject, or a laboratory or field study that would enhance the student's understanding of the subject. The project may not require an element of originality.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 enhance the ability in self-learning, data-collection and analysis, critical thinking, doing independent research in earth sciences CLO 2 write scientific dissertation, and conduct oral presentation of the research results
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Geology or Earth System Science Majors; and Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above. This course is not a capstone course and students cannot use this course to fulfill the capstone requirement of the Earth System Science and Geology Majors. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw insightful conclusions and solve problems. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should show considerable creative thinking and additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.]
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions to draw insightful conclusions and solve problems. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	The student is expected to spend at least 120 hours on the project	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Research report	Report and presentation	100	CLO 1, 2

EASC4403	**Biogeochemical cycles (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y Li, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(yiliang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y Li,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course presents how the basic geochemistries of the Earth system, from atmosphere to the geosphere and to hydrosphere, have been and are being affected by the origin, evolution and existence of life. Human activities in particular, from the rapid consumption of resources to the destruction of the rainforests and the expansion of cities, are leading to rapid changes in the geochemistry of the Earth systems.		
Course Contents & Topics	1) Origin of elements, the Solar system and the Earth 2) Geobiology and biogeochemical cycles: their role in the Earth system 3) Terrestrial biogeochemical cycles 4) Aquatic biogeochemical cycles 5) Marine biogeochemical cycles 6) Phosphorous cycle 7) Sulfur cycle 8) Carbon cycle 9) Nitrogen cycle 10) Biogeochemical cycles and impacts from human activities		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe the major geochemical cycles on Earth CLO 2 illustrate the interactions between the geochemical cycles and the main environments on Earth CLO 3 draw connections between changes to the Earth systems and the cause/effect relationships of changes to biogeochemical cycles CLO 4 knows why the anthropogenic activities become a significant part of globe change		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC3403 or EASC3416 or ENVS3313		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical activities and logical thinking.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcome. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Show interest in the taught topics, and to answer most questions correctly.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. She limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Show some interest in the taught topics. Able to answer more than half of question correctly.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems.

	Does not show positive attitude in learning; not able to answer most of questions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		28
	Tutorials		10
	Field work		8
	Group work	PBL group work	10
	Project work	Writing course thesis	30
	Reading / Self study		54

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. Biogeochemistry: An Analysis of Global Change, William H. Schlesinger, Emily Bernhardt. 2. Introduction to marine biogeochemistry, Susan M. Libes, Elsevier, 2009.

EASC4406	**Earth dynamics & global tectonics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G Zhao, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(gzhao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G Zhao,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof X Liu,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To review the concepts and processes that shape the configuration of the Earth, from core to crust. This course is intended to provide students with an understanding of the driving forces of Earth processes and the global outcome of these processes through an examination of direct and indirect observations, the evolution of hypotheses, and critical thinking.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Plate tectonics; orogenesis; accretionary and collisional orogensis. - Mantle convection; hot spots and plumes; - Methods of investigation of large scale structures and processes; - Structure and physical properties of the planet; - Sea floor spreading; ocean ridges; transform faults; - Subduction zones; mountain belts and orogenesis; - Formation of continental crust; - Continental rifts and continental margins; - Sedimentary basins; - Mechanism, consequence and implication of plate tectonics. - Hadean Earth: Accretion of the Earth from the solar nebula; differentiation of the Earth; formation of the initial atmosphere and oceans; the earliest felsic crust; Late Heavy Bombardment. - Archean cratons: greenstones and TTG gneisses; origin of komattites; role of mantle plumes in Archean crustal formation and evolution; when did plate tectonics start on Earth? - Paleoproterozoic collision tectonics. - Supercontinents in Earth history: the assembly, outgrowth and breakup of supercontinents Columbia (Nuna), Rodinia and Pangea.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 have an appreciation of the Earth as a dynamic planet
	CLO 2 understand how energy release within the Earth is translated into geological processes
	CLO 3 appreciate the importance of a knowledge of the history of investigation of global scale tectonic processes
	CLO 4 distill of a wide range of data to differentiate competing geological theories
	CLO 5 produce concise written and oral summaries of literature research on specific topics in global dynamics

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC3403 or EASC3404 or EASC3408 or EASC3409		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	The student should show a thorough mastery of the knowledge and skills necessary to attain all of the course outcomes, have an in-depth grasp of the subject, and provide evidence of strong analytical and logical thinking, where possible with original thought. Show outstanding and effective organizational and presentation skills, and the insightful use of data, literature reviews and other sources to undertake a high level of critical analysis and draw appropriate conclusions. Be able to integrate the full range of appropriate theories, principles, and evidence.
	B	The student should show a substantial knowledge of a significant range of the skills necessary for attaining most, if not all, of the course outcomes, and have a substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of the ability to think critically and to have effective organizational and presentational skills and make critical use of relevant information from different sources, showing the ability to make comparisons between consequent interpretations. Be capable of the general integration of theories, principles and evidence.
	C	The student should have a general command of the knowledge, competencies and skills required for attaining the majority of the course outcomes, and a general grasp of the subject. Show some evidence of critical ability and logical thinking and moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. The student should be moderately effective in the use of data to draw appropriate conclusions, should be able to use relevant information from sources and able to make comparisons between different interpretations, through partial integration of theories, principles and evidence.
	D	The student should have a partial but limited command of the knowledge, competencies and skills necessary for attaining a number of the course learning outcomes, and a limited grasp of the subject. Show evidence of some analytical competence and critical thinking and at least marginally effective organizational and presentational skills. Have limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions and use and reference a variety of sources mainly in summary rather than through analysis and comparison.
	Fail	The student shows little or no evidence of knowledge and skills required for attaining even the minority of course learning outcomes, lacks an overall grasp of the subject area and shows an absence of analytical and critical thinking abilities. Shows little ability to a apply knowledge to solve problems and has poor and ineffective presentation and/or organizational skills. Shows little evidence of the integration of theories, principles and evidence.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			24
	Tutorials	student seminars and exercises		20
	Reading / Self study	essay, presentation plus additional reading		100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Essay	Including essays and seminars	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Kearey, P and Vine, F.J. Global tectonics (Oxford: Blackwell Science, 1996, 2nd ed.) Turcotte, D and Schubert, G. Geodynamics (Cambridge Univ Press, 2002, 2nd ed.) Davies, Geoffrey F., Mantle convection for geologists (Cambridge 2011)			

EASC4407	**Regional geology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(liuxine@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X Liu,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course explores the data science approaches that geologists use to resolve regional geological questions.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will use Python for making publication grade maps and figures. We will explore plotting capability of Python modules such as Matplotlib and Basemap for making figures. The GMT mapping software will be introduced with its Python interface (pyGMT). We will also use quantitative approaches for regional geological questions. We will introduce some quantitative/geophysical methods which can be used to explore some regional geological questions. Also, we will focus on some advanced journal articles where these methods are used to further explore some geological questions, such as to obtain the fault distribution in the subsurface, to understand the generation mechanism of earthquakes and to constrain different geodynamic evolution models in some tectonically active regions.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 improve the ability to make geological/geophysical figures/maps using Python CLO 2 understand the basic theory of quantitative/geophysical methods and learn how to analyze the data with coding CLO 3 conduct a literature review on constraining a key geological issue by using quantitative methods/coding		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC3402; and (EASC3403 or EASC3404 or EASC2410)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Thorough grasp of the subject; evidence of strong critical abilities and logical thinking; highly effective organizational and presentational skills; insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. **B** Substantial grasp of the subject; evidence of critical abilities and logical thinking; effective organizational and presentational skills; critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. **C** General but incomplete grasp of the subject; evidence of some critical abilities and logical thinking; moderately effective organizational and presentational skills; use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. **D** Limited grasp of the subject, retention of some relevant information of the subject; evidence of limited critical abilities; limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills; use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. **Fail** Little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject; little or no evidence of critical abilities and logical / coherent thinking; incoherent organization and poor presentational skills; limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them.		
Communication-intensive Course	Y		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			16
	Laboratory	guided tutorials & coding training		28
	Reading / Self study			90
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	2 assignments	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation	2 presentations	50	CLO 1, 2, 3

EASC4408	**Special topics in earth sciences (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M H Lee, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(mhlee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	Topic: Planetary system and Biogeochemistry The overall aim of this special topic is to develop an advanced understanding of our planet's place within the wider universe, the origins of our planetary system, and geological processes in extreme extraterrestrial environments. Students will explore the concept of abiotic chemical evolution and learn about various important biomarkers targeted for life detection in modern space exploration missions. The course also provides opportunities to study meteorites and their relationship to the origin of the Earth, solar system & universe, and survey planetary topics, including impacts, differentiation, and volcanism on planetary objects.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover the following aspects of planetary science. The following topics will be covered in lectures: 1. The interstellar medium 2. Star formation and the accretion of planets 3. Meteorites and comets		

	4. Impacts and craters 5. Evolution of other terrestrial planets 6. Prebiotic chemistry and the origins of life 7. Biosynthetic isotopic fractionations 8. Biomarker and molecular signatures 9. Symmetry-breaking mechanisms 10. Mass spectrometry for organic geochemists 11. Planetary mission concepts 12. Life detection on habitable planet and moons

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	identify various planetary materials in the Solar System and understand how they formed and evolve
CLO 2	understand how planetary events shaped the history of the Earth and the structure of our solar system
CLO 3	recognise and differentiate between the organic signatures of biotic and abiotic materials, and appreciate the use of particular chemical structures as molecular fossils to interpret past life based on understandings of extant life
CLO 4	evaluate contemporary theories on the origin of life and the formation of complex organic molecules in space and their delivery to planetary surfaces
CLO 5	use modern analytical techniques to reconstruct organic constituents in samples and interpret data generated from the latest planetary missions
CLO 6	nurture their interests and curiosity in the field of planetary science

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in any EASC3XXX or EASC4XXX course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes, and evidence of productive reading supplementing lectures. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate critical use of data, literature reviews, and other sources to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations, but falling short on excellence in some of these aspects. Demonstrate correct use of data, literature reviews, and other sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Demonstrate mostly correct but some erroneous use of data, literature reviews, and other sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate limited ability to use of data, literature reviews, and other sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate misuse of data, literature reviews, and other sources and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
Laboratory	6 sessions x 2 hours	12
Group work	preparation + presentation	15
Tutorials	6 sessions x 2 hours	12
Reading / Self study		60
Assessment		15

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Project report	individual essay	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Presentation	group presentation	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials

Meteorites and their parent planets, McSween, 1999 . ISBN: 9780521587518
Introduction to Astrobiology. Gilmour and Sephton, 2004. ISBN 9780521837361
Introduction to Organic Geochemistry. Killops and Killops, 2013. ISBN: 9780632065042
How to build a habitable planet, Langmuir and Broeker, 2012. ISBN: 9780691140063
In Quest of the Universe, Koupelis, 2012. ISBN: 9781449647940

Enrichment:
There are enormous opportunities to read further on the subjects presented - just ask for details.

EASC4911	**Earth system: contemporary issues (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S C Chang, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(suchin@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S C Chang,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This is a capstone course that provides students with an opportunity to synthesize and correlate the knowledge gained in previous courses in Earth System Science for them to gain a more in-depth appreciation and awareness of the Earth System, the interplay between its component parts, and some of the global issues. Students will also get some basic concepts on how to do strategic analysis on global trends of natural resources.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introductions to Contemporary Environmental Issues Overpopulation & Natural Resources Overpopulation & Waste Management		

	Global Trend in Green Technology Global Trend in Space Exploration Contemporary Environmental Issues & Solutions
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 comprehend in some depth the nature of the issues confronting humankind as part of the Earth System CLO 2 understand the basis of interrelationships through feedback loops within the Earth System CLO 3 synthesize scientific data available from a variety of sources and apply the data to problem solving, particularly in areas of contemporary concern CLO 4 understand how past and present activities on the planet will affect its future
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Earth System Science Major including at least two of the following courses: EASC3410, EASC3415, EASC3418 or ENVS3313. This capstone course is for Earth System Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all of the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate critical use of data, literature reviews, and other sources to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate correct use of data, literature reviews, and other sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Demonstrate mostly correct but some erroneous use of data, literature reviews, and other sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate limited ability to use of data, literature reviews, and other sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to synthesize and apply knowledge to solve problems. Demonstrate misuse of data, literature reviews, and other sources and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Meeting with supervisor		36
Reading / Self study		100
Assessment		24

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Oral presentation	Individual (30%) & Group (30%)	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Earth system science: from biogeochemical cycles to global change / edited by Michael C. Jacobson et al., San Diego, California: Academic Press, c2000. The earth system. Lee R. Kump, James F. Kasting, Robert G. Crane. Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Pearson Prentice Hall, c2004. Living in the environment / G. Tyler Miller, Jr., Scott E. Spoolman. Belmont, CA : Brooks/Cole, c2012.

EASC4955	**Integrated field studies (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	35
Course Co-ordinator	Prof N R McKenzie, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(ryan00@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof N R McKenzie,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The aims of a geological field camp activities are to provide: 1) essential training and experience in geological mapping techniques. 2) the opportunity to gain confidence in independently applying these skills to areas of structural and stratigraphic complexity. 3) opportunities to study at first-hand areas of particular geological interest and importance of an overseas locality. The course requires integration of geological knowledge from multiple geological disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students will visit areas of geological interest and will undertake independent and group mapping and problem solving exercises in each area. The curriculum comprised 3 x 6-day long projects (based on an ~2x5km area of interest),where each week long project is typically scheduled as follows: Day 1-2: Instructor-lead learning. Day 3-5: Technique application/independent field mapping and site visit. Day 6: Field examination. Day 7: Write up/Rest. For each project area students is required to produce: A detailed geologic map of the area. (15% x 3 = 45%) A cross-section of the area. (5% x 3 = 15%) To accompany these maps, the students must prepare ONE report (15%) - This field report should include the tectonic evolution of region, synthesized from the all three projects and site visits, complete with interpretations of depositional environments, magmatic events and structural data. To assess field skills: 3 one-day field exam, where students, working INDEPENDENTLY of other students and faculty, construct a geologic map and cross sections in a small (~1km x ~1km) area that they have not previously visited. (5% for each		

	one-day field exam) 10% will be awarded for professional conduct.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Describe the petrography and petrogenesis of rocks and minerals. CLO 2 Identify geological setting from lithologies and stratigraphy. CLO 3 Measure, record and analyse structural data. CLO 4 Construct geological maps and cross-sections. CLO 5 Synthesize varied geological information pertaining to an area in order to derive a basic model of tectonic evolution. CLO 6 Identify and basically evaluate areas of potential natural hazard/economic potential.
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Geology Major / Geology Major (Intensive). This must include either a PASS in, or student must be already enrolled in EASC3403, EASC3404 and either EASC3409 or EASC4406. This capstone course is for Geology Major/ Geology Major (Intensive) students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective fieldwork skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 18 sessions x 1 hour / 18 Field work / 18 field days x 5 hours/day / 90 Reading / Self study / / 72
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Test / Field Exams / 30 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Assignments / Projects (30%) + Participation (10%) / 40 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Report / 1 Final Project (20%) + Professionalism (10%) / 30 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Additional Course Information	Course Coordinator reserve the right to withdraw any students with unsatisfactory performance in pre-requisite courses underway during the semester (semester 2) prior to leaving for field camp (May/June). This will be decided on satisfactory mid-term examination result or laboratory performance.

EASC4966	**Earth sciences internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr M C Cheung, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(hmcc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr M C Cheung,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to offer students the opportunities to gain work experience in the industry related to their major of study. The workplace learning experience would be of great benefits to the students to apply their knowledge gained in the study to the real work environments. Students have to take on at least 160 hours of internship work either within the University or outside the University arranged by the School/Departments.		
Course Contents & Topics	(1) Within the university: The student will be supervised by a staff member (Supervisor), working on a project or various tasks as instructed by the Supervisor. (2) Outside the university: The student will work in an external agency related to the major of study. The student will be supervised under a staff member of the external agency (the External Supervisor) and a staff member of the Department/School of the student (the Internal Supervisor). The work to be performed by the student will normally be instructed by the External Supervisor, with prior agreement of the Internal Supervisor.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 gain at least 4 weeks of work experience in a geosciences-related firm or the Government CLO 2 acquire an understanding and appreciation of the real work environment CLO 3 have some experience with applying learned knowledge to solving real world problems		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Geology or Earth System Science Majors. This course is not a capstone course and students cannot use this course to fulfill the capstone requirement of the Earth System Science and Geology Majors. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction** Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.		

	Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".
	Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Internship			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Internship work	it is expected that students are to work at least 160 hours (or the equivalent of 4 weeks full-time)		160
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Written report		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Supervisor's feedback	employer's feedback	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Oral presentation		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Additional Course Information	This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.			

EASC4999	**Earth sciences project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z H Liu, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(zhliu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the Department,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To enhance the student's knowledge, ability and interest in advanced studies in the Earth Sciences by providing the student with an opportunity to be engaged in an advanced research project.		
Course Contents & Topics	The student undertakes a research project in the form of a senior thesis under the supervision of a staff member. The project could be based on a particular component of a staff member's research or one proposed and designed by the student. The student must involve in the project in a non-trivial manner, and play a major role in the project formulation, data collection and analysis, and presentation. The project should contain an element of originality.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	acquire first-hand research experience in earth sciences by doing an individual research project independently under the supervision of a supervisor	
	CLO 2	select research topics, design research path, choose research technology, and more importantly use critical thinking	
	CLO 3	enhance the ability in doing independent earth/environmental research with field/laboratory components	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in the Geology or Earth System Science Majors; and Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or above. This course is not a capstone course and students cannot use this course to fulfill the capstone requirement of the Earth System Science and Geology Majors. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and creative thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Critical use of first-hand data and results to draw insightful conclusions and solve problems. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should show considerable creative thinking and additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.]	
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and creative thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Correct use of first-hand data of results to draw appropriate conclusions to draw insightful conclusions and solve problems. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and creative thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of first-hand data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use first-hand data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of first-hand data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Project-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	The student is expected to spend at least 240 hours on the project		240
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Dissertation	Dissertation and presentation	100	CLO 1, 2, 3

ENVS1401	**Introduction to environmental science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---

Course Co-ordinator	Dr C Not, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(cnot@hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	(Dr C Not,Earth and Planetary Sciences)
Course Objectives	To provide students with an inter-disciplinary introduction to Environmental Science highlighting the interconnections between biological, geological, and chemical processes. To convey the basic science behind environmental interactions and place it within the context of human impacts and dependence on the natural world. To better understand how humans interact, manage, and sustain the environment within the context of our economies, governments and individual choices.
Course Contents & Topics	The teaching and learning will be organized around key issues, and loosely divided into three sections. Part I: The basics: application of science to solve environmental problems; key ecological, chemical, and earth science concepts essential to environmental science, understanding the underlying causes of environmental problems (human population growth and economics). Part II: Using and conserving our resources: how we use and misuse key natural resources; the difficulty in assuring a sustainable supply of energy; waste management and air pollution issues. Part III: Global issues: How do our actions change the face of the planet? Can sustainable development be achieve? Will we be able to limit our contribution to global climate change?
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Explain and describe connections between the physical and biological components of the environment. CLO 2 Discuss the impacts of human activities on the environment. CLO 3 Explain the concept of environmental sustainability and give examples of how society can adapt behavior to achieve sustainability. CLO 4 Understand how we are overusing our resources and compare different approaches to resolving specific problems presented in class.
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough understanding of the subject and an ability to apply knowledge gained in class to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Show evidence of logical thinking and some original thought. Coursework completed on time and to a high academic standard. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of the subject and an ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show evidence of logical thinking abilities. Coursework completed on time and to a good academic standard. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete understanding of the subject and an ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show some evidence of logical thinking, but with some inconsistencies. Some coursework incomplete, but submitted on time and in an adequate academic standard. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp of the subject and a limited ability to apply knowledge to some familiar situations. Show only able to apply knowledge to simple examples. Show little evidence of logical thinking. Coursework submitted late to a poor standard. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no understanding of the subject and very little or no ability to apply knowledge to familiar situations. Show no evidence of logical or coherent thinking. Coursework missing or substandard.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		24
Tutorials	group discussion/case studies	24
Field work	two half day field trips	10
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments	Infographic (25%)+ Participation (20%)	45	CLO 1, 2, 4
Essay	Reflective essay	10	CLO 2, 3
Project reports	Group project	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation	Group project	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Miller: Living in the Environment (Thomson, 2007, 15th ed.) Keller and Botkin: Essential Environmental Science (Wiley, 2008)

ENVS2020	**Biogeochemistry of the environment (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	
Course Co-ordinator	, --- *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives			
Course Contents & Topics			
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** **B** **C** **D** **Fail**		

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	---

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

ENVS3004	**Environment, society and economics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof N S Khan, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(nskhan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C Not,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof N S Khan,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course follows up issues highlighted in the introductory course and provides in-depth studies about rural and urban environments for students to examine the problems of resource scarcity and pollutant accumulation in the natural environment, which are the problems human society is currently confronted. The course will focus on major environmental problems and explore how Environmental Economics can be applied for resource management and environmental restoration/protection. Students will analyze the nature of key natural resources such as land, air, water and biomass, and explore ways to improve resource management, protect the environment and develop sustainable economies.		
Course Contents & Topics	Valuing the environment Basic concepts of Environmental Economics - Identification of and engagement with relevant stakeholders Resourse management for land, air, water and biomass Management of waste Energy policies and economics Planning and regulations for a sustainable future		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the complexity and interconnectedness between human society and the natural environment
CLO 2	recognise appropriate use and misuse of natural resources
CLO 3	assess economic solutions and policies for solving environmental problems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in one of the following courses: CHEM2041, EASC2404, ENVS2001 or ENVS2002		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery of the course material. Show strong ability for analytical, critical and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show evidence of analytical, critical thought to some complex issues. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show evidence of some critical and logical thinking abilities. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of the course material and a limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of course material with very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Lack of critical thinking abilities and incoherent thinking. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 sessions of 2 hrs	24
	Project work		12
	Discussion	Interactive learning	24
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		30	CLO 1, 2
	Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project reports		45	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Tietenberg and Lewis: Environmental economics and policy Keller and Botkin: Essential Environmental Science (John Wiley & Sons, 2008) Kaufmann and Cleveland: Environmental Science (Amazon, 2008) Middleton N.: The Global Casino: An Introduction to Environmental Issues (Arnold, 1999)
Additional Course Information	Previous course code: ENVS2004 Compulsory to 4-year students

ENVS3007	**Natural hazards and mitigation (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof N S KHAN, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(nskhan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof N S KHAN,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces students the mechanisms of major natural hazards including earthquake, storm and flood, landslide and tsunami. The teaching emphasizes the fundamental concepts: natural hazards are not entirely		

	natural, and understanding the frequency and processes of these hazards is essential in developing prevention, protection and mitigation measures. With case studies, the course will help students explore the political, economical and engineering means of dealing with natural hazards.
Course Contents & Topics	Key characteristics of natural hazards Geological hazards and mitigation measures Climatic hazards and mitigation measures Preparedness and responses to large natural disasters Risk assessment and disaster management Financial (insurance) instruments for economic recovery
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the key characteristics of major natural hazards, the human aspects of the hazards, and technologies used to protect lives and properties
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in EASC2404 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery of the course material. Show strong ability for analytical, critical and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Demonstrate highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Show evidence of analytical, critical thought to some complex issues. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of the course material and an ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Show evidence of some critical and logical thinking abilities. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of the course material and a limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of course material with very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Lack of critical thinking abilities and incoherent thinking. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Tutorials	Project tutorials	8
Discussion	Group discussion	16
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		40	CLO 1
Test	Four in-class quizzes	20	CLO 1
Project reports		40	CLO 1

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Smith K.: Environmental Hazards: Assessing Risk and Reducing Disaster (Routledge, 2004) Bryant E.: Natural Hazards (Cambridge University Press, 2005) Hyndman and Hyndman: Natural Hazards and Diasters (Amazon, 2009)
Additional Course Information	Previous course code: ENVS2007

ENVS3042	**Pollution (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Dr X Luo, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(xinluo@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr X Luo,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This multi-disciplinary course will introduce students to the most important physical, chemical and biological contaminants that pollute the environment. The course will provide the basics of contaminant transport, toxicology, pollution monitoring and environmental risk assessment. The course will also explore in details different mechanisms and pathways for water, atmosphere, soil and land pollution. The student will also be invited to reflect on the socio-economic aspect of pollution and remediation.		
Course Contents & Topics	Overview of Global Pollution Physical-Chemical Characteristic of Soils, water and the atmosphere Physical, Chemical and Biological Contaminants Contaminants Transport Processes Environmental Toxicology Water Pollution Atmospheric Pollution Soil, Land and subsurface Pollution Urban and Household pollution Monitoring and Risk Assessment Strategy Introduction to remediation, restoration, treatment and reuse Global system and the human dimensions to environmental pollution		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 identify the most important pollutants CLO 2 describe the mechanisms responsible for the transport of pollutants in the environment CLO 3 evaluate the environmental toxicity of different type of contamination CLO 4 present the most important cases of environmental pollution CLO 5 analyze lab-generated data and communicate the results and interpretations		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in EASC2401 or CHEM2241 or BIOL2103 or ENVS2001		

and Impermissible combinations)	
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		24
Tutorials		24
Reading / Self study		92

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Project reports		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Presentation		10	CLO 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Environmental and Pollution Science, Third Edition, 2019 by Mark L. Brusseau (Author), Ian L. Pepper (Author), Charles P. Gerba (Author)
Additional Course Information	The tutorials include theoretical and practical assignments.

ENVS3313	**Environmental oceanography (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr C Not, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(cnot@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C Not,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with a thorough introduction to coastal and ocean processes with key questions to highlight the importance of the (paleo)oceanographic processes to environmental and ecological conditions. To convey the basic science behind ocean-atmosphere and ocean-biosphere interactions and place it within the context of human's connectedness and impact to the physical world.		
Course Contents & Topics	To provide a solid foundation of knowledge about the physical processes dictating the oceans movements and their impacts on the environment and ecosystems. The oceans take up 71% of earth's surface and contain 98% of the water. By looking at the structure of the atmosphere, thermodynamic principals and properties governing sea water, we will evaluate the critical roles the ocean plays in the environmental system including its influence on (paleo)climate, coastal resources, and nutrient cycling. Case studies specifically examining changes in sea level rise, El Nino, and (paleo)climate will be used to connect oceanographic principles to environmental problems.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe the major surface and deep currents of the ocean
CLO 2	identify and describe important processes in the ocean controlling large scale circulation and nutrient transport
CLO 3	describe sources and distribution of critical chemicals and sea water properties in the ocean
CLO 4	illustrate connections between physical ocean processes, climate systems and biological activity

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2306 or EASC2404 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining the entire course learning outcomes. Show ability to think logically and critically, with evidence of original thought. Critically evaluate data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of logical and critical thought. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Correctly use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some logical and critical thinking. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited critical abilities. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of critical, logical and/or coherent thinking. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	12 sessions x 2 hours	24
Laboratory	10 labs x 2 hours	20
Project work	group project	20

	Reading / Self study			90

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Test	2 Tests	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project report	Group Project	20	CLO 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Garrison, 2004. Oceanography: An Invitation to Marine Science. 5th edition. Brooks Cole. Cronin, 2009. Paleoclimates: Understanding Climate Change Past and Present. Columbia University Press.
Additional Course Information	Course will be offered every year starting from 2014-2015 and coordinated by DES.

ENVS3999	**Directed studies in environmental science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr C Not, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(cnot@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers (ERS),Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Various teachers (SBS),Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This is a Capstone Course designed to provide an opportunity for Environmental Science students to integrate the knowledge obtained through their Environmental Science courses. Through this course, students will enhance their knowledge on a particular topic in environmental science and critical thinking skills through self-directed learning. Both the written and oral report emphasize communication skills.		
Course Contents & Topics	The directed study is typically a review of the literature on a specific topic related to environmental sciences, undertaken under the supervision of a staff member. However, the exact format of the project is flexible and alternative formats can be considered with the approval of the supervisor and the Course Coordinator. The topic is flexible, but must be related to the field of environmental science. Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After admission to the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will work under the guidance of their supervisor to complete the study and the research report.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	complete a research task independently in one or more topical areas of the major	
	CLO 2	show competence in formulating their own scientific argument	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Environmental Science Major. This capstone course is for Environmental Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrates excellent understanding of the topic, excellent development of argument, logical analysis and insight into the topic, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Presented in high academic standard. Work of A+ should show considerable additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.
	B	Most aspects of the chosen topic were addressed and researched adequately. Demonstrates understanding of most key concepts, evidence of elementary analysis and development of argument. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations. Presented in adequate standard.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the chosen topic. Most aspects of the chosen topic were addressed and researched at a very basic level. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of relevant information from sources, demonstrates mainly description, and shows basic understanding, but lacking depth.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp of the chosen topic, with retention of some relevant information. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited to draw appropriate conclusions from the sources.
	Fail	Show little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	research work & report	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Research report		50	CLO 1, 2
	Oral presentation	Presentation (40%) + Self-reflection essay (10%)	50	CLO 1, 2

ENVS4955	**Environmental science in practice (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	8
Course Co-ordinator	, Biological Sciences *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide students experiential learning experience in the field of environmental science. The course is primarily based on an array of experiential studies covering essential areas of environmental science during a residential fieldtrip.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students to attend a residential field trip outside Hong Kong to learn about environmental science in practice. The residential field trip will be, for example, to Japan and may include marine environmental survey, sediment core sampling, practical learning of ecological, paleoecology and environmental problems, environmental geology/paleontology excursion, and other activities. Students are required to write an independent report on an environmental science issue.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	recognize ways of environmental science in practice	
	CLO 2	gain knowledge of current environmental problems and solutions	

	CLO 3	present and communicate their field observations and findings
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 12 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Environmental Science Major.	
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Apply highly effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Apply moderately effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Apply partially effective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab / fieldwork skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Laboratory and workshop course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Field work	Field work and other learning students will take part in at least 66 hours of field trips and other learning 66 hours	66
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Laboratory reports	field reports	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project reports	individual report	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation	group presentations	30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Course Website	http://www.biosch.hku.hk/ecology/lsc/
Additional Course Information	Enrollment Procedure: The actual capacity of this course is limited and will vary year by year, regardless of the quota set. So, interested student must apply for the course with a short proposal (2 pages maximum) and CV via e-mail to Dr. Moriaki Yasuhara (yasuhara@hku.hk) and Ms. Maria Lo (gylo@hku.hk) not later than 1st August (Note: this is 2nd semester course, but we need applications well in advance, on or before this date). Late applications will not be accepted. The proposal should include the following: (1) the specific reason(s)/motivation why you are interested in joining this course; (2) merit that you expect to receive from this course, especially regarding your future academic/career path; (3) brief description of academic interests. The CV should include: (1) Personal and academic details; (2) ID photograph; (4) GPA; (5) Pre-requisite courses taken and grades received. The selection will be made based on the quality of proposal and the justification of academic merit, in considering other factors. Only accepted students through this application process will be able to register this course. The residential field trip will be organized in the reading week. Students will need to pay for their own travel cost for the residential field trip (please contact us for details and financial difficulty). This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers.

ENVS4966	**Environmental science internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof N S Khan, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(nskhan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof N S Khan,Earth and Planetary Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course offers students the opportunity to gain work experience related to their major of study. This work experience will allow the students to apply their knowledge gained in their studies to the real environmental issues.		
Course Contents & Topics	In the case of the work being carried out in an external agency, students will be supervised by a staff member of the external agency (the External Supervisor) and a staff member of the University (the Internal Supervisor). If the work is carried out within HKU, there is no need for an additional internal supervisor. The work to be performed by students will normally be instructed by the External Supervisor, with prior agreement of the Internal Supervisor.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	gain at least 4 weeks of work experience environmental-related firm or the Government	
	CLO 2	acquire an understanding and appreciation of the real work environment	
	CLO 3	have some experience with applying learned knowledge to solving real world problems	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Environmental Science Major. This capstone course is for Environmental Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	
Distinction	Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".
Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in

	the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Internship

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Internship work	it is expected that students are to work at least 160 hours (or the equivalent of 4 weeks full-time)	160

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Written report		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Supervisor's feedback		20	CLO 1, 2
	Oral presentation		30	CLO 3

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	No formal lecture is to be given, but it is expected that students are to work for at least 160 hours (or the equivalent of 4 weeks full-time), supervised by a staff member. Satisfactory completion of this course can be counted towards the Capstone requirement. Details of internship will be recorded on the student's transcript. This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

ENVS4999	**Environmental science project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Earth and Planetary Sciences	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr C Not, Earth and Planetary Sciences *(cnot@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers (SBS),Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The objective of this course is to provide an opportunity for students to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from the Environmental Science major. Students will gain experience in designing and carrying out a scientific study, and in communicating the results of their research in a professional manner.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students will undertake a research project in the form of an undergraduate dissertation under the supervision of a staff member. The dissertation will be written in the style of a scientific paper. The research topic is flexible but should be related to the field of Environmental Science. Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After admission to the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will work under the guidance of their supervisor to complete the research project.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	complete a dissertation project of undergraduate level in one of the four areas of the major	
	CLO 2	show competence in formulation, data collection, analysis, and presentation of a research project	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (level 3 or 4) disciplinary core/elective courses in Environmental Science Major; and This capstone course is for Environmental Science Major students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrates excellent understanding of the topic, excellent development of argument, logical analysis and insight into the topic, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Presented in high academic standard. [Work of A+ should show considerable additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.]
	B	Most aspects of the chosen topic were addressed and researched adequately. Demonstrates understanding of most key concepts, evidence of elementary analysis and development of argument. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations. Presented in adequate standard.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the chosen topic. Most aspects of the chosen topic were addressed and researched at a very basic level. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of relevant information from sources, demonstrates mainly description, and shows basic understanding, but lacking depth.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp of the chosen topic, with retention of some relevant information. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited to draw appropriate conclusions from the sources.
	Fail	Show little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	research work & report	240

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Dissertation		50	CLO 1, 2
	Oral presentation	Presentation (40%) + Self-reflection essay (10%)	50	CLO 2

Additional Course Information	Previous course code: ENVS3015. Consent from major coordinator is required.

MATH1009	Basic mathematics for business and economics (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	Quota	540
Course Co-ordinator	Dr Y M Chan, Mathematics *(ymchan@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr V Bhat,Mathematics) (Dr Y M Chan,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course aims at introducing important topics of mathematics for introductory or intermediate level courses in Business and Economics. Mathematical concepts and methods, as well as some Business and Economics applications, would be emphasized so that students could be furnished with the essential mathematical skills for the senior courses in these disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Logic 2. Linear Equations 3. Quadratic Equations 4. Graphs and Functions 5. Differentiation 6. Unconstrained optimization 7. Partial differentiation 8. Constrained optimization 9. Integration 10. Geometric series 11. Difference equations (optional) 12. Differential equations (optional) 13. Matrix algebra (optional)		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the essential mathematics used in business and economics		
	CLO 2 apply mathematical skills to model and solve basic problems in business and economics		
	CLO 3 be more capable of coping with a higher level of mathematics required in various economic disciplines		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL The course has no pre-requisite, but students are expected to have already achieved Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent. Not for students who have passed MATH1011 or MATH1013, or have already enrolled in these courses. This course is exclusively for non-Science and non-Engineering students (i.e. not for students from the Faculty of Science or Engineering).		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.		
	B Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.		
	C Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.		
	D Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.		
	Fail Demonstrates poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Tutorials and Assignments	10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Ian Jacques: Mathematics for Economics and Business (New York: Pearson Education, 2018, 9th edition) M. J. Rosser: Basic Mathematics for Economists (London: Routledge, 2003, 2nd edition) Martin Anthony and Norman Biggs: Mathematics for Economics and Finance: Methods and Modelling (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH1011	University mathematics I (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	Quota	400
Course Co-ordinator	Dr H Y Zhang, Mathematics *(hyzhang@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F L Tsang,Mathematics) (Dr H Y Zhang,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course aims at students with only HKDSE Mathematics (or equivalent) background and provides them with basic knowledge of mathematics that serves as essential foundation in various disciplines. It is expected to be followed by MATH1013.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Sets, Venn diagram, set operations. - Permutations, combinations and elementary probabilities. - Mathematical induction. - Exponential and logarithmic functions. - Trigonometric functions, trigonometric formulae. - Limits of algebraic, exponential and logarithmic functions. - Derivatives of algebraic, exponential and logarithmic functions. - Differentiation rules: addition, product, quotient and chain rule.		

	- Maxima and minima. - Indefinite and definite integrals. - Area. - Integration by substitution. - Trapezoidal rule with error estimation.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 use the set notations; calculate probabilities; and prove by induction CLO 2 solve problems involving exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric functions CLO 3 evaluate limits and derivatives CLO 4 compute simple definite and indefinite integrals CLO 5 solve practical problems such as determining maxima and minima; finding area
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Not for students: (a) with Level 2 or above in M1 or M2 of HKDSE Math or equivalent; (b) have passed or already enrolled in any of following courses: MATH1009, 1013, 1821, 1851, PHYS1150, CHEM1044, level 2 or above math courses; (c) have passed MATH1853.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Test / 3 tests / 45 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Assignments / assignments, tutorials, participation, etc / 5 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	(Custom textbook) MATH1011 (Pearson, 2014)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH1013	**University mathematics II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	500
Course Co-ordinator	Dr T W Ching, Mathematics *(lmtching@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A Lefebvre de Saint Germain,Mathematics) (Dr R La,Mathematics) (Dr T W Ching,Mathematics) (Dr W Zhang,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course aims at students with Core Mathematics plus Module 1 or Core Mathematics plus Module 2 background and provides them with basic knowledge of calculus and some linear algebra that can be applied in various disciplines. It is expected to be followed by courses such as MATH2012, MATH2101, MATH2102, MATH2211, and MATH2241.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Functions; graphs; inverse functions. - Limits; continuity and differentiability. - Mean value theorem; Taylor's theorem; implicit differentiation; L'Hopital's rule. - Higher order derivatives; maxima and minima; graph sketching. - Radian, calculus of trigonometric functions. - Definite and indefinite integrals; integration by substitutions; integration by parts; integration by partial fractions. - Complex numbers, polar form, de Moivre's formula. - Applications: Solving simple ordinary differential equations. - Basic matrix and vector (of orders 2 and 3) operations, determinants of 2x2 or 3x3 matrices.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe properties of functions and inverse functions CLO 2 evaluate limits, and determine continuity and differentiability of functions CLO 3 apply advanced rules/techniques of differentiation and integration to compute derivatives and integrals; sketch graphs of functions; approximation of functions CLO 4 solve problems involving complex numbers CLO 5 solve simple first and second order ordinary differential equations		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 2 or above in Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1009 or MATH1011; and Not for students who have passed MATH1821, or (MATH1851 and MATH1853), or have already enrolled in this course.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study	Students are expected to watch videos online before classes.	100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Adrian Banner: The Calculus Lifesaver: All the Tools You Need to Excel at Calculus (Princeton University Press, 2007) George B. Thomas, Maurice D. Weir and Joel Hass: Thomas' Calculus (12th edition, Addison Wesley)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH1641	**Mathematical laboratory and modeling (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Mathematics *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course introduces elementary mathematical modeling techniques. Also, a powerful and free software Scilab would be taught and used to study models in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Ecology and Management.		
Course Contents & Topics	In this course, we shall 1. introduce fundamental programming techniques in SciLab, 2. demonstrate how mathematical models are formulated, and- 3. how to interpret these models with the help of computer. Some basic techniques in calculus and linear algebra will be covered in due course.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	recognize the importance of numerical methods in mathematical modeling
	CLO 2	demonstrate basic algebraic and arithmetic computations in the Scilab environment
	CLO 3	write and interpret programs in Scilab programming language
	CLO 4	solve simple numerical problems by using interactive Scilab commands
	CLO 5	solve moderately complicated numerical problems by writing Scilab programs

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and programming skills by correctly analysing problems and being able to solve numerical problems by writing SageMath codes appropriately.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and programming skills by correctly analysing problems and being able to solve numerical problems by writing SageMath codes, with some minor errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and programming skills by solving numerical problems with SageMath with a number of minor programming/computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and programming skills by solving numerical problems through incorrectly analysing problems or with substantial programming/computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2.5 hr	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

MATH1821	**Mathematical methods for actuarial science I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*		

Teachers Involved	(Dr K H Law,Mathematics)
Course Objectives	This course is the first of the two mathematics courses designed to provide actuarial science students with a solid background of calculus of one and several variables and an introduction to linear algebra. The course focuses on single variable calculus and elementary matrix theory. It aims at students with Core Mathematics plus Module 1 or Core Mathematics plus Module 2 background.
Course Contents & Topics	- Functions; graphs; inverse functions. - Limits, continuity and differentiability. - Mean value theorem; implicit differentiation; L'Hopital's rule. - Bisection method and Newton's method. - Higher order derivatives, maxima and minima, graph sketching. - Taylor approximation and error estimation. - Improper integrals, partial fractions, integration by parts. - Numerical integration, Trapezoidal rule and Simpson's rule. - Basic matrix and vector (of orders 2 and 3) operations, determinants. - Simple differential equations.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe properties of a function and an inverse function
CLO 2	evaluate various kinds of limits, and determine continuity and differentiability of functions
CLO 3	apply advanced rules/techniques of differentiation and integration to compute derivatives and integrals; sketch graphs of functions
CLO 4	approximate integrals by numerical methods
CLO 5	perform matrix and vector operations, compute determinants
CLO 6	solve simple first and second order ordinary differential equations

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 4 or above in HKDSE Mathematics plus Module 1, or Level 4 or above in HKDSE Mathematics plus Module 2, or equivalent; and Not for students who have passed MATH1013 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853), or have already enrolled in these courses. For BSc(ActuarSc) students only.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study	Students are expected to watch videos online before classes.	100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	Tutorials, assignments, participation, etc.	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	George B. Thomas; as revised by Maurice D. Weir and Joel Hass: Thomas' Calculus (Addison Wesley, 12th edition) Spence, Insel & Friedberg: Elementary Linear Algebra -- A Matrix Approach (Pearson, 2014)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH1851	**Calculus and ordinary differential equations (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	700
Course Co-ordinator	Dr F L Tsang, Mathematics *(f.l.tsang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F L Tsang,Mathematics) (Dr V Bhat,Mathematics) (Prof K W Chow,Mechanical Engineering) (Prof Y Wei,Mechanical Engineering)		
Course Objectives	In this course, students will be introduced to fundamental concepts of calculus and ordinary differential equations with a view on applications in different engineering fields. A concrete foundation of mathematics that underpins the various engineering subjects will be built. Mathematical concepts and principles, as well as some typical engineering applications, would be emphasized so that students could enhance their mathematical skills in solving engineering problems, and be well prepared in learning a higher level of applied mathematics required in different engineering disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Differential and integral calculus (single variable) [limits and continuity, derivatives, (higher-order) derivatives of elementary functions, derivatives by implicit differentiation, the mean value theorem, L'H\^{o}pital's rule, parametric representation of curves, polar coordinates, indefinite integrals, integration by parts, partial fractions decomposition, definite integrals, the fundamental theorem of calculus, and their applications]		

	- Ordinary differential equations [first order equations, integrating factors and linear equations, Bernoulli equations, separable equations, homogeneous equations, exact differential equations, higher-order homogeneous linear equations with constant coefficients, characteristic polynomials, methods of undetermined coefficients and variation of parameters, higher-order inhomogeneous linear ordinary differential equations, choice of particular solutions and physical implication of resonance, Cauchy-Euler equations, and their applications] - Laplace transforms [Laplace transforms of elementary functions, inverse Laplace transforms, transforms of derivatives and integrals, derivatives of Laplace transform, first and second shifting theorems, convolutions, partial fractions, solution of linear differential equations (initial value problems) using Laplace transforms]
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic calculus and ordinary differential equations as well as their relationship with some typical physical/engineering applications: unerringly perform the calculation details for the solution, and accurately correlate the solution approach with the fundamental concepts involved CLO 2 apply mathematical skills to model and solve some basic physical/engineering problems: analyze the given problem, identify the appropriate mathematical skills, articulate a convincing rationale for the approach used, clearly give the mathematical formulation, and correctly find the solution CLO 3 understand well established methods to solve differential equations, and correlate qualitatively with potential applications in engineering topics like oscillations and electric circuits. Identify the occurrence of resonance where large amplitude displacements can be expected CLO 4 explore the technique and usage of integral transform, using the Laplace transform as an illustrative example. Appreciate the power of these techniques in initial value problems and applications like vibrations and signal processing CLO 5 be well prepared to cope with a higher level of engineering mathematics required in different engineering disciplines
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 2 or above in Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1011. (This course is exclusively for Engineering students.)
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and methods and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and methods and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems and methods or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems and methods, but with some inadequacies in applying them through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems and methods, but with substantial inadequacies in applying them through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems and methods or their applications, and not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / / 36 Tutorials / / 12 Reading / Self study / / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / / 70 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Test / 2 tests / 20 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Assignments / / 10 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	(Textbook) Introduction to Calculus and Differential Equations (Pearson) G.B. Thomas, et al.: Thomas' Calculus (Pearson Education, 2005, 11th ed.) R.K. Nagle, et al.: Fundamentals of Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems (Pearson Education, 2008, 5th ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	There will be no 'make-up' for a missed test or assignment under normal circumstances. Students are advised not to take MATH1851 and MATH1853 together in the same semester. This course is offered by the Department of Mathematics and the Faculty of Engineering.

MATH1853	**Linear algebra, probability and statistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	700
Course Co-ordinator	Dr F L Tsang, Mathematics *(f.l.tsang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F L Tsang,Mathematics) (Dr V Bhat,Mathematics) (Prof J Yu,Civil Engineering) (Prof N Wong,Electrical & Electronic Engineering) (Prof SH Cheung,Civil Engineering)		
Course Objectives	As the complementary course of MATH1851, students will be introduced to more topics of mathematics commonly applied in engineering so that students could be further enhanced with a concrete skill in mathematics underpinned for different engineering subjects. The course emphasizes mathematical concepts, principles, analysis, and their relationship to the modelling of engineering systems. Students could be furnished with the essential mathematical skills to analytically tackle some typical engineering problems to prepare for all the engineering subjects.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Linear algebra [vectors and scalars, inner product, vector projection, linear dependence and independence, matrix, determinant, matrix inverse, system of linear equations, matrix equation, Gaussian elimination, Cramer's rule, matrix rank, eigenvalue, eigenvector, matrix diagonalization, positive, negative and semi-definiteness, and		

	their applications] - Elementary complex variables [arithmetics of complex numbers, representations of complex numbers, De Moivre's theorem, roots of unity, complex functions, and their applications] - Basic probability theory [axioms of probability, conditional probability, Bayes' theorem, the total probability formula, random variable, (joint) probability distribution, expectation, variance, independence, and their applications] - Commonly used distributions [Bernoulli, Binomial, Geometric, Negative Binomial, Exponential, Poisson and Normal distribution, and their applications] - Basic statistics [point estimates, sample mean, sample variance with known or unknown mean, confidence interval for a population mean with known or unknown population variances, inference for proportion, and their applications]
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of linear algebra, complex numbers, probability theory and statistics as well as their relationship with some typical physical/engineering applications: unerringly perform the calculation details for the solution, and accurately correlate the solution approach with the fundamental concepts involved CLO 2 apply such knowledge and understanding to solve certain practical problems that are relevant to physical/engineering applications: analyze the given problem, identify the appropriate mathematical skills, articulate a convincing rationale for the approach used, and clearly give the mathematical formulation, and correctly find the solution CLO 3 be well prepared to cope with a higher level of engineering mathematics required in different engineering disciplines
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 2 or above in Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1011, or take MATH1011 and MATH1853 concurrently in the same semester. (This course is exclusively for Engineering students.)
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and methods and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and methods and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems and methods or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems and methods, but with some inadequacies in applying them through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems and methods, but with substantial inadequacies in applying them through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems and methods or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		80	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D.C. Lay: Linear Algebra and its Applications (Addison-Wesley, 2012, 4th ed.) S.J. Leon: Linear Algebra with Applications (Pearson Education, 2006, 7th ed.) G. James, et al.: Modern Engineering Mathematics (Pearson Education, 2008, 4th ed.) C. Rorres and H. Anton: Applications of Linear Algebra (Wiley, 1984, 3rd ed.) E. Kreyzig: Advanced Engineering Mathematics (Wiley, 2006, 9th ed.) K. L. Chung and F. AitSahlia. Elementary Probability Theory, 4th Edition. Springer, 2003. R. V. Hogg, J. W. McKean, and A. T. Craig. Introduction to Mathematical Statistics, 8th Edition. Pearson, 2019. H. P. Hsu. Schaum's outline of theory and problems of probability, random variables, and random processes. McGraw-Hill, 1997.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	There will be no 'make-up' for a missed quiz or assignment under normal circumstances. Students are advised not to take MATH1851 and MATH1853 together in the same semester. This course is offered by the Department of Mathematics and the Faculty of Engineering.

MATH2012	**Fundamental concepts of mathematics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr Y M Chan, Mathematics *(ymchan@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Y M Chan,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with solid background on fundamental concepts of mathematics and methods of mathematical proofs. Such concepts and methods are important for subsequent studies in all higher level courses in mathematics. This course can be taken concurrently with other Level 2 or above courses.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Elementary set theory. - Statement calculus. - Mathematical proofs. - Relations and functions. - Finite and infinite sets. - Natural numbers and mathematical induction. - Real numbers and the limits of sequences. - Examples of groups.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:				
	CLO 1	understand the definition of a set and apply set theory in simple daily life problems			
	CLO 2	construct the truth table of a given statement			
	CLO 3	apply different proof strategies (e.g. proof by contradiction and mathematical induction) in proving a mathematical statement			
	CLO 4	demonstrate the basic properties of equivalence relations			
	CLO 5	understand the definition of limits of sequences of real numbers			
	CLO 6	demonstrate the operational properties of groups			
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853). Students with good grades in HKDSE Math Module 1 or Math Module 2 (or other equivalent qualifications) and have strong interests in math may also apply for taking this course concurrently with its prerequisites courses (subject to the approval from Course Selection Advisors).				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y			**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.			
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.			
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.			
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.			
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.			
Communication-intensive Course	N				
Course Type	Lecture-based course				
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**			**No. of Hours**
	Lectures				36
	Tutorials				12
	Reading / Self study				100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**		**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50		CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		40		CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	Tutorials and Assignments	10		CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Gary Chartrand, Albert D. Polimeni, Ping Zhang: Mathematical Proofs: A Transition to Advanced Mathematics (Pearson, 2012, Third Edition)				
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/				

MATH2014	**Multivariable calculus and linear algebra (6 credits)**			**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics			**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr H Y Zhang, Mathematics *(hyzhang@maths.hku.hk)*				
Teachers Involved	(Dr H Y Zhang,Mathematics) (Dr J Fang,Mathematics)				
Course Objectives	To provide students with a solid foundation in calculus of several variables and linear algebra, which they will need in the study of mathematics related subjects.				
Course Contents & Topics	- Vectors and Matrices: Vectors in space, dot product and cross product, determinants (with geometric interpretations). - Partial Derivatives: Functions of several variables, partial derivatives, extreme values and Lagrange multipliers, Taylor's formula. - Multiple Integrals: Double and triple integrals, substitution in multiple integrals. - Matrix Algebra: Matrix addition and multiplication, system of linear equations as a matrix equation. - Vector Spaces: The Euclidean spaces as vector spaces, its subspaces, span of vectors, linear independence, basis and dimension. - Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors: Diagonalization and computing powers. - Numerical Methods: Bisection method and Newton's method for finding roots of equations, Simpson's rule and Trapezoidal rule for numerical integration.				
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:				
	CLO 1	understand the geometric meaning of partial and directional derivatives			
	CLO 2	optimize multivariate objective functions (with/without constraints)			
	CLO 3	evaluate integrals over curvilinear regions in space			
	CLO 4	understand the concept of vector spaces, basis, dimension			
	CLO 5	solve simple eigenvalue problems and apply the theory to practical problems			
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1013 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853). Not for students who have passed MATH2822 or [(MATH2101 or MATH2102) and MATH2211], or have already enrolled in these courses.				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y			**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analyzing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.			
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analyzing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate			

		theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analyzing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analyzing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Test	3 tests	45	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	assignments, tutorials, participation, etc	5	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH2101	**Linear algebra I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K Y Chan, Mathematics *(kychan@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K Y Chan,Mathematics) (Dr V Bhat,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This is a first university level course on linear algebra, which aims at introducing to students the basic concept of linear structure through many concrete examples in the Euclidean spaces. The course also enriches students' exposure to mathematical rigor and prepares them for studying more advanced mathematical courses.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Matrix Algebra: Matrix addition and multiplication, determinant and inverse of square matrices, system of linear equations as a matrix equation. - Systems of Linear Equations: Gauss-Jordan elimination, elementary row operations, row echelon form, elementary matrices, matrix inversion. - Vector Spaces: Coordinate system in R^n, the Euclidean spaces as vector spaces, its subspaces, span of vectors, linear independence, basis, dimension, applications. - Linear transformations: Definition and examples of linear transformations between Euclidean spaces, matrix representations, and change of coordinates. - Eigenvalue Problem: Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, diagonalization of matrices, applications. - Inner Product: Gram-Schmidt process, least square problems and orthogonal matrices.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	handle matrix operations and use them in some practical problems
CLO 2	solve systems of linear equations by Gauss-Jordan elimination and also compute inverses of square matrices
CLO 3	understand the concept of vector spaces, basis, dimension, and linear transformations and compute the matrix representations of some linear transformations
CLO 4	solve some simple eigenvalue problems and apply the theory to some practical problems
CLO 5	solve some practical problems involving the least square concept

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or MATH1853		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Spence, Insel & Friedberg: Elementary Linear Algebra -- A Matrix Approach (Pearson, 2014)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			

MATH2102	**Linear algebra II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K H Law,Mathematics) (Dr R La,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This is a follow-up of the course Linear Algebra I. It aims at introducing the general concept of vector spaces, subspaces, dimensions, inner product spaces, etc. The course prepares the foundation on linear algebra for students' future study in mathematics and other disciplines. Many examples of applications will be drawn on different subject areas.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Vector spaces and linear transformations over a field: basic constructions of vector spaces and linear transformations including sum, direct sum, quotient, dual, kernel, image etc. 2. LU decomposition: review of Gauss elimination, existence and uniqueness of LPU decomposition of square matrices. 3. Multilinear maps and determinant: basics of combinatorics of permutations, general (symmetric and alternating) multilinear maps, coordinate-free definition of determinant of linear operator, Leibniz formula and Laplace expansion. 4. Linear operator: eigenvalues and eigenspaces, diagonalizability, invariant subspaces, Cayley-Hamilton theorem 5. Linear operators on inner product space: basics of (hermitian) inner product space, adjoints, Spectral theorem for normal operators. 6. Canonical form: Jordan normal form, minimal polynomial, rational canonical form. 7. Additional selected topics up to the instructor. It may include (but not restricted to) tensor product of vector spaces and linear operators, classification of real quadratic forms, singular value decomposition, positive operators and Markov process, geometry of orthogonal and unitary operators, Lorentz transformations.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	identify the abstract structures related to vector spaces and linear transformations	
	CLO 2	understand the matrix factorization technique and be able to visualize this process via geometry of space of matrices	
	CLO 3	understand the base-free nature of linear transformations/operators and determinant. Relate the abstract construction to explicit matrix computation, e.g relate decomposition of linear operator on a direct sum to block matrices, and relate alternating power of linear operator to Leibniz formula of determinant	
	CLO 4	be able to use adjoint to verify various properties of hermitian, unitary, normal operators and apply spectral theorem to solve problems	
	CLO 5	understand the notions of generalized eigenspace and geometric multiplicity, and be able to relate failure of diagonalizability, cycle basis and Jordan normal form	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.	
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.	
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.	
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.	
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	- Axler, Sheldon J. - Linear Algebra Done Right (4th Edition). Springer, 2023. doi: Linear Algebra Done Right			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			

MATH2211	**Multivariable calculus (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025

Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr T W Ching, Mathematics *(lmtching@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr T W Ching,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	Students of this course will learn the theory of multivariable calculus and learn how to apply the theory to solve practical problems. This is a required course for Mathematics and Mathematics/Physics Majors, and is suitable for all students in Science, Engineering, Economics and Finance, and other students who will use multivariable calculus in their areas of study. This is also a required course for all Minors offered by the Department of Mathematics, and is a pre-requisite of many advanced level mathematics courses.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Vectors: vectors in 2-, 3-, and n-dimensions; dot product and cross product; lines and planes; polar, cylindrical, and spherical coordinates. - Differentiation in several variables: limits and derivatives; the chain rule; directional derivatives and gradients. - Vector-valued functions: parametrized curves; arc-length; vector fields; gradient, divergence, curl, and the del operator. - Maxima and minima: differentials and Taylor's Theorem of several variables; extrema of functions; Lagrange multipliers; applications of extrema. - Multiple integration: double and triple integrals; change of variables; applications. - Line integrals: scalar and vector line integrals; Green's Theorem; conservative vector fields. - Surface integrals and vector analysis: parametrized surfaces; surface integrals; Stokes' and Gauss' Theorems.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand and demonstrate the basic theory of calculus of functions in several real variables CLO 2 evaluate partial derivatives and multiple integrals; compute line integrals and surface integrals CLO 3 apply the knowledge to solve some practical problems, such as constrained optimization problems and other problems involving differentiation and integration of multivariable functions		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100		
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3 Test / 40 / CLO 1, 2, 3 Assignments / 10 / CLO 1, 2, 3		
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Susan J. Colley: Vector Calculus (Pearson, 2011, 4th edition)		
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/		
Additional Course Information	Students are assumed to have mastered calculus of one-variable prior to taking this course.		

MATH2241	**Introduction to mathematical analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K Y Chan (1st sem); Prof C Y Hui (2nd sem), Mathematics *(kychan@maths.hku.hk; chhui@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C Y Hui,Mathematics) (Prof K Y Chan,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	To introduce students to the basic ideas and techniques of mathematical analysis.		
Course Contents & Topics	- The real number system: the real numbers as an ordered field, supremum and infimum, the completeness axiom, denseness of the rational numbers. - Sequences and series of real numbers: limits of sequences, properties of convergent sequences, monotone sequences and Cauchy sequences, subsequences, series, tests of convergence for series. - Continuity of real-valued functions: properties of continuous functions, the extreme value theorem, the intermediate value theorem, uniform continuity, limits of functions. - Differentiation: properties of differentiable functions, the mean value theorem, Taylor's theorem and its applications. - Integration: construction of the Riemann integral using Darboux sums and Riemann sums, the fundamental theorem of calculus.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 comprehend and use abstract mathematical arguments such as the epsilon-delta argument CLO 2 demonstrate convergence or non-convergence of a sequence/series using properties of convergent sequences/series		

	CLO 3	elucidate important properties of continuous functions such as the extreme value theorem and the intermediate value theorem
	CLO 4	elucidate important properties of differentiable functions such as the mean value theorem, and to understand and apply Taylor's Theorem
	CLO 5	articulate the construction of the Riemann integral and its relation to differentiation

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1851 or MATH1821.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate a thorough mastery of the mathematical notions and proof techniques taught in the course by being able to handle abstract mathematical arguments, to apply appropriate theorems correctly, and to make use of those proof techniques in novel situations. Ability to present solutions clearly and logically, and the use of innovative ideas in solving problems are expected.		
	B	Demonstrate a substantial command of the mathematical notions and proof techniques taught in the course by being able to handle abstract mathematical arguments, to apply appropriate theorems correctly, and, with guidance, to make use of those proof techniques in novel situations. Ability to present solutions clearly and logically, and evidence of innovative ideas in solving problems are expected.		
	C	Demonstrate a good understanding of the mathematical notions and proof techniques taught in the course by being able to handle abstract mathematical arguments and to apply appropriate theorems correctly. Ability to present solutions clearly and logically is expected.		
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of the mathematical notions taught in the course by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems for applications and to carry out logical arguments that are leading to complete solutions.		
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems for applications, or not being able to apply the theorems correctly.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Tutorials and Assignments	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Robert G. Bartle, Donald R. Sherbert: Introduction to Real Analysis (Wiley, 2011, Fourth Edition) Kenneth A. Ross: Elementary Analysis: The Theory of Calculus (Springer, 2013, Second Edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH2822	**Mathematical methods for actuarial science II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K H Law,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course is the second of the two mathematics courses designed to provide actuarial science students with a solid background of calculus of one and several variables and an introduction to linear algebra. The course focuses on multivariable calculus and linear algebra. It aims at students with MATH1821. It can be followed by other 2000 or 3000 level mathematics courses.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Functions of several variables; partial differentiation. - Gradients and directional derivatives. - Taylor approximation. - Maxima and minima; Lagrange multipliers. - Double and triple integrals, areas and volumes. - Matrices, systems of linear equations, determinants. - Vector spaces and subspaces. - Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, diagonalization of matrices.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand and recognize various topics in linear algebra such as the basic arithmetic of matrices, determinants, systems of linear equations, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, diagonalizable matrices, basis and dimension, and the rank-nullity theorem
	CLO 2	understand and recognize various topics in functions of several variables including partial differentiation, the Hessian test for local extrema, vector-valued functions, Jacobians, the method of Lagrange multipliers, double/triple integrals and the change of variable formula

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1821. For BSc(ActuarSc) students only.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.		
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.		
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.		
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.		
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.		

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study	Students are expected to watch videos online before classes.	100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2

Required/recommended reading and online materials	George B. Thomas; as revised by Maurice D. Weir and Joel Hass: Thomas' Calculus (Addison Wesley, 12th edition) Spence, Insel & Friedberg: Elementary Linear Algebra -- A Matrix Approach (Pearson, 2014)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3001	**Development of mathematical ideas (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Mathematics *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To acquaint the students with the origin and growth of basic mathematical concepts. To assist the students to gain a deeper insight and broader view of mathematics as a discipline and human endeavour. To provide the students with an opportunity to write on and talk about mathematics, and to engage in independent study.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Selected topics in the development of mathematics from ancient to modern times depending on interest of the students and the lecturer, with attention paid to the evolvement of mathematical ideas and the process of mathematical thinking and problem solving.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 understand and describe the origin and development of basic mathematical concepts
	CLO 2 recognize and demonstrate the intellectual and the socio-cultural aspects of mathematics, and appreciate mathematics as both an academic discipline and a human endeavour
	CLO 3 discuss, argue, and write about the development of various mathematical concepts and ideas
	CLO 4 engage in independent study on a topic about the history or development of mathematics

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101, MATH2102, MATH2211 and MATH2241
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Critical use of information from sources to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Actively engage in and contribute substantially and fruitfully to class discussions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Correct use of information from sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Good participation in class discussions with generally good contributions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of information from sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Make some but not substantial fruitful contributions to class discussions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Limited ability to use information from sources to draw appropriate conclusions. Contribute only in a limited way to fruitful and meaningful class discussions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Misuse of information from sources and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Make little or no meaningful contributions to class discussions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	
	Test		50	

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be decided by the course instructor. H. Eves and C.V. Newsom: An Introduction to the Foundations and Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics (Holt, Reinhart and Winston, 1958; 1990, 3rd edition) G. Polya: How to Solve It (Princeton University Press, 1971, 2nd edition) R. Laubenbacher and D. Pengelley: Mathematical Expeditions (Springer-Verlag, 1999) R. Calinger (ed.): Classic of Mathematics (Prentice Hall, preprinted 1995) C. Boyer: A History of Mathematics (Wiley, 1968; 1989, 2nd edition (with V.C. Merzbach)) V. Katz: A History of Mathematics (Harper Collins, 1993)

MATH3002	**Mathematics seminar (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	12

Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	(Dr P Li,Mathematics) (Dr Z Geng,Mathematics) (IMR PDF 1,Mathematics) (IMR PDF 2,Mathematics)
Course Objectives	This is a seminar style course intended for those who have very strong interests and good ability in mathematics. Students will be given book chapters and elementary research articles for private study and then make presentations in front of the whole class. Individual meetings with the instructors will be arranged prior to their presentations. Active participation in all the discussions is expected. The aim of the course is to let students learn how to initiate self/independent study in mathematics.
Course Contents & Topics	Topics chosen by the instructors, including chapters from books and elementary research articles.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Initiate private independent study on some interesting mathematical topics
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2012, MATH2101, MATH2211 and MATH2241 Subject to approval by the Department.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Actively engage in and contribute substantially and fruitfully to class discussions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Good participation in class discussions with generally good contributions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Make some but not substantial fruitful contributions to class discussions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Contribute only in a limited way to fruitful and meaningful class discussions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Make little or no meaningful contributions to class discussions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Meeting with supervisor	meeting of the whole class for up to three hours each teaching week	36
Reading / Self study	individual meetings with the instructors	72

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report		50	CLO 1
Oral presentation		50	CLO 1

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	(i) Senior students who are interested in taking a seminar course are recommended to take MATH4910. (ii) This course is not a capstone course.

MATH3301	**Algebra I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y K Lau, Mathematics *(yklau@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y K Lau,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to present those fundamental topics and techniques of algebra that are finding wide applications in mathematics and the applied sciences. It is complete in itself, and may also be followed by MATH4302 Algebra II and MATH7502 Topics in Applied Discrete Mathematics.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Groups: examples of groups, subgroups, cosets, Lagrange theorem, quotient groups, normal subgroups, group homomorphisms, direct product of groups, group actions. - Rings: examples of rings, integral domains, ideals, fields of fractions, principal ideal domains, unique factorization domains. - Fields: definition and examples of fields. - Polynomials: polynomial rings in one variable over fields and over the integers.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 write down the precise definitions of the basic concepts in the "Course Contents" CLO 2 give examples for each of the concepts in the "Course Contents" CLO 3 understand basic properties of groups, rings, and fields		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101 and MATH2102.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.		

	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Take-home and/or in tutorials	10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be decided by the course instructor. S. Lang: Undergraduate Algebra (Springer, 2004) J.B. Fraleigh: A First Course in Abstract Algebra (Addison-Wesley, 1989, 4th edition) I.N. Herstein: Abstract Algebra (Prentice-Hall, 1996) T.W. Hungerford: Abstract Algebra: An Introduction (Saunders College Publishing, 1990, 2nd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3303	**Matrix theory and its applications (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T K Wong, Mathematics *(takkwong@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T K Wong,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	Matrix theory has a close connection with other mathematical subjects such as linear algebra, functional analysis, and combinatorics. It also plays an important role in the development of many subjects in science, engineering, and social sciences. In this course, students will be taught the fundamentals of matrix analysis and its application to various kinds of practical problems. Mathematical software may be used in the course, so that students can learn how to use the computer to solve matrix problems.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors: similarities, applications on difference equations and differential equations. - Orthogonality: inner products and the induced norms, orthogonality of null spaces and column spaces, applications to over- or under-determined systems, least squares fit. Unitary, normal, and hermitian matrices: Schur's triangularization theorem. Variational description of eigenvalues: applications in optimization and in eigenvalue estimation. - Singular value decomposition: polar decomposition, pseudo inverse, spectral norm of matrices, interlacing inequalities for singular values. Jordan form and applications.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	have a good understanding on matrices, determinants, linear transformations, eigenvalues and eigenvectors	
	CLO 2	understand the concept of similar matrices and the eigenvalue decomposition	
	CLO 3	understand the concept of orthogonality	
	CLO 4	understand the concept of unitary, normal, and Hermitian matrices	
	CLO 5	find the singular value decomposition of a matrix and apply the theory of singular values to study polar decomposition, pseudo inverse and spectral norm of matrices	
	CLO 6	understand the concept of the Jordan blocks, Jordan matrices and the Jordan canonical form of a matrix	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101 and MATH2102		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Jack L. Goldberg: Matrix Theory with Applications (McGraw-Hill, 1991) Steven J. Leon: Linear Algebra with Applications (Macmillan, 1994, 4th edition) Chris Rorres & Howard Anton: Applications of Linear Algebra (Wiley, 1984, 3rd edition) Roger A. Horn & Charles R. Johnson: Matrix Analysis (Cambridge University Press, 1987) The Mathworks, Inc.: The Student Edition of Matlab (Version 4 for Microsoft Windows) (Prentice - Hall, 1995)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3304	**Introduction to number theory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B Kane, Mathematics *(bkane@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B Kane,Mathematics) (Prof Y K Lau,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	To provide students with basic concepts about numbers, their properties and basic knowledge on the arithmetic of congruences. The prime numbers are the building blocks of all the natural numbers under multiplication. The interplay between the multiplicative and additive properties of prime numbers is particularly interesting. The course will study further properties and the distribution of the prime numbers, and some of the longstanding open problems concerning them. Important applications of number theory to modern cryptography will also be introduced.		
Course Contents & Topics	-The course will begin with some basic notions in number theory, including divisibility, greatest common divisor, Euclidean algorithm, congruences, etc. It will then be followed by several fundamental theorems, such as Chinese remainder theorem, solutions of linear and polynomial congruences, Fermat's Little theorem, and the quadratic reciprocity law. - Many well-known open problems will be introduced. Application of number theory to public key cryptography will be explained. Some current research on the prime numbers will be discussed. - Depending on the time available, the course will cover a selection of further topics, such as the prime number theorem, sum of squares, Dirichlet's theorem on diophantine approximations, continued fractions, etc.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	solve a system of linear congruences
CLO 2	solve polynomial congruences
CLO 3	determine the solubility of quadratic congruences by computation of the Legendre symbol
CLO 4	determine the existence of primitive roots and use them in solving some exponential congruences
CLO 5	understand the prime number theorem
CLO 6	understanding some longstanding problems in number theory

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101 and MATH2211. MATH3301 recommended but not required.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate a thorough and coherent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing number theoretic problems, clearly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing number theoretic problems, but with some minor errors/inadequacies in arguments and being able to present coherent logical reasoning and carry out computations carefully without major errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with weak and fragmentary argument and presentation, or with moderate computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some superficial understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation, or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding of the key concepts and ideas by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	Tutorials and Assignments	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Kenneth H. Rosen: Elementary number theory (6th edition, Pearson, 2010) David M. Burton: Elementary Number Theory (McGraw-Hill Higher Education, International Edition) J. H. Silverman: A friendly introduction to number theory (Prentice Hall, 2001)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3401	**Analysis I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X Zhang, Mathematics *(xzhang@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X Zhang,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course extends to more general situations some basic results covered in the Mathematics courses in junior level, and introduces some fundamental concepts which are essential for advanced studies in Analysis, Geometry, and Topology.		

Course Contents & Topics	Basic properties of metric spaces; openness; closedness; interior; closure; derived set; boundary; compactness; completeness; continuity; connectedness; pathwise connectedness; uniform continuity; uniform convergence; Banach's fixed point theorem.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the basic features of mathematical analysis and point set topology (e.g., able to identify objects that are topological equivalent) CLO 2 apply knowledge and skills acquired in mathematical analysis to analyze and handle novel situations in a critical way (e.g., able to determine whether a specific function is uniformly continuous) CLO 3 think creatively and laterally to generate innovative examples and solutions to non-standard problems (e.g., able to provide counterexamples to inaccurate mathematical statements)
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2211
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination** Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate a thorough understanding of all concepts and ideas by being able to draw complex connections among various concepts and apply the theorems through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, reasoning, identifying the appropriate theorems, applications, or presentation. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with acceptable argument and presentation. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures — 36 Tutorials — 12 Reading / Self study — 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination — 50 — CLO 1, 2, 3 Test — 40 — CLO 1, 2, 3 Assignments — 10 — CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Apostol: Mathematical Analysis Rudin: Principles of Mathematical Analysis
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3403	**Functions of a complex variable (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X Zhang, Mathematics *(xzhang@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X Zhang,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course is indispensable for studies in higher mathematical analysis and the more theoretical aspects of physics. In this course, the students are introduced to the fundamental concepts and properties of analytic functions and are shown how to look at analyticity from different points of view. At the same time, the techniques of solving problems without losing sight of the geometric picture are emphasized.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Complex number system. - Analytic functions and elementary functions. - The Cauchy-Riemann equations. - Cauchy's theorem and its applications. - Taylor's series. - Laurent's series. - Zeros, singularities and poles. - The Residue Theorem and its applications.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 recognize the theory of functions of a complex variable as a rigorous and foundational subject in mathematics CLO 2 grasp the techniques from Cauchy-Riemann equations, power series expansion and Cauchy integral formulas to study analytic functions from different perspectives CLO 3 compute contour integrals by calculating residues CLO 4 apply such techniques to determine improper integrals such as those for certain rational functions on the real line		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2211 and MATH2241		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and		

		presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Complex Analysis, Stein and Shakarchi, Princeton University Press			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			

MATH3405	**Differential equations (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr H Y Zhang, Mathematics *(hyzhang@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr H Y Zhang,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	The standard topics in the wide field of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) included in this course are of importance to students of sciences and engineering. Our emphasis is on principles rather than routine calculations and our approach is a compromise between diversity and depth.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Review of elementary differential equations. - Existence and uniqueness theorems. - Second order differential equations, Wronskian, variation of parameters. - Power series method, Legendre polynomials, Bessel functions. - Linear systems, autonomous systems. - Qualitative properties of solutions. - The Laplace transform.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	solve simple first order and second order (linear or nonlinear) ODEs by various techniques, including auxiliary equations, variation of parameters, Laplace transform, and series method	
	CLO 2	solve systems of first order linear ODEs with constant coefficients, of which the number of equations and the number of unknown functions are no more than three	
	CLO 3	discuss qualitatively the solutions of nonlinear ODEs or systems of nonlinear ODEs by studying their linear approximations or their phase diagrams	
	CLO 4	apply the theory of differential equations to study quantitatively/qualitatively problems arising from physical and life sciences	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	On-line textbook of William F. Trench: Elementary Differential Equations with Boundary Value Problems (2013) url: http://aimath.org/textbooks/approved-textbooks/trench-de/ R. Nagle, E. Saff and A. Snider: Fundamentals of Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems (Pearson,			

	6th edition) W.E. Boyce and R.C. DiPrima: Elementary Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems (John Wiley, 6th edition) E.A. Coddington: An Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations (Prentice-Hall)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3408	**Computational methods and differential equations with applications (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W K Ching, Mathematics *(wching@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof W K Ching,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers topics in the fields of differential equations, mathematical modelling and numerical analysis which are of importance to sciences students. The emphasis is practical applications of basic principles.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Solution of linear difference equations. - Mathematical modelling and dynamical systems. - Numerical differentiation and integration. - LU factorization for solving linear system of equations. - Matrix norms and iterative solutions of matrix equations. - Solution of nonlinear systems of equations. - Elementary differential equations and power series method. - Numerical solutions of ordinary and partial differential equations. - Numerical solutions of systems of first-order ordinary differential equations.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	construct and implement numerical methods for numerical integration and differentiation, and the solution of linear and nonlinear system of equations
CLO 2	explain mathematical ideas of numerical methods and mathematical modelling in solving linear difference equations, ordinary and partial differential equations
CLO 3	construct one-step and linear multistep methods for the numerical solution of initial-value problems for ordinary differential equations and systems of such equations and analyze their stability and accuracy properties
CLO 4	construct finite difference methods for the numerical solution of partial differential equations and analyze their stability and accuracy properties
CLO 5	implement numerical methods for solving initial and boundary value problems by software packages like MATLAB

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and computational methods and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and computational methods and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems and computational methods or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems and computational methods, but with some inadequacies in applying them through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems and computational methods, but with substantial inadequacies in applying them through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems and computational methods or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D.F. Parkhurst: Introduction to Applied Mathematics for Environmental Science (Springer) E.A. Coddington: An Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations (Prentice-Hall) A. Ralston and P. Rabinowitz: A First Course in Numerical Analysis (McGraw-Hill) C. F. Gerald and P.O. Wheatley: Applied Numerical Analysis (Addison Wesley) K.E. Atkinson, An Introduction to Numerical Analysis (Wiley).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3541	**Introduction to topology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z Hua, Mathematics *(huazheng@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z Hua,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers the basics on general topology and prepares students for more advanced topics in mathematics and other subjects in which topology finds applications.		

Course Contents & Topics	Topics will be chosen among the following: (i) Basic concepts: topological spaces; constructing new topologies from old; compactness; connectedness; (ii) Topological manifolds; (iii) Topological groups and orbit spaces; (iv) Fundamental groups and covering spaces; (v) Classification of compact surfaces.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 state the basic definitions and understand some basic constructions in general topology CLO 2 give examples and counterexamples of basic concepts in general topology CLO 3 compute fundamental groups of examples and understand the classification theorem on compact surfaces
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101 and MATH2241. Pass or have already enrolled in MATH3301 and MATH3401.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrates poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. M. A. Armstrong: Basic topology; 2. S. W. MasseyL A basic course on Algebraic Topology (Chapter 1), 1991. 3. J. Munkres: Topology, 2000.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3600	**Discrete mathematics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K H Law,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	To introduce students to the basic ideas and techniques of discrete mathematics.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Counting: combinations, permutations, pigeonhole principle, inclusion-exclusion, recurrence relations, and generating functions. - Graph theory: paths, circuits, trees, connectivity, planarity, etc. - Applications of counting techniques and graph theory.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the basic ideas and techniques of discrete mathematics CLO 2 solve various real-world problems by using counting techniques and graph theory CLO 3 develop their ability to read, comprehend, and create mathematical arguments		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH1013 and any 1 of Level 2 MATH courses) or (MATH1851 and MATH1853 and any 1 of level 2 MATH courses) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36

	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study	Students are expected to watch videos online before classes.	100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Tutorials, assignments, participation, etc.	10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Richard A. Brualdi: Introductory Combinatorics (Pearson)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3601	**Numerical analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr F L Tsang, Mathematics *(f.l.tsang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F L Tsang,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers both the theoretical and practical aspects of numerical analysis. Emphasis will be on basic principles and numerical methods of solution, using high speed computers.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Different types of errors, condition number, and convergence order. - Polynomial interpolation and function approximation. - Solution of equations of one variable. - Direct and iterative methods for solving linear systems. - Numerical differentiation and integration. - Simple initial value problems for Ordinary Differential Equations.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	construct and implement algorithms to find the zeros of functions, apply the bisection, Newton, Secant and fixed point iteration methods; and construct and implement Newton's method to solve a system of nonlinear equations
CLO 2	apply direct and iterative methods for solving linear equation systems
CLO 3	construct interpolation polynomials in Lagrange, Newton, Hermite and spline forms; and construct function approximations in the least-square sense
CLO 4	understand the basic numerical integration and differentiation methods
CLO 5	apply Euler methods and Runge-Kutta methods to solve initial value problems
CLO 6	use software package such as Scilab or Matlab or Python to solve numerical problems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and methods by being able to identify the appropriate theorems/algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out numerical procedures carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and methods by being able to identify the appropriate theorems/algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate algorithms or their applications or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and methods by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems/algorithms, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems/methods through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or with a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and methods by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems/algorithms, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems/methods through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems/algorithms or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Instructor's Lecture Notes A. Ralston and P. Rabinowitz: A First Course in Numerical Analysis (McGraw-Hill) K. E. Atkinson: An Introduction to Numerical Analysis (Wiley, 1989) D. Kincaid and W. Cheney. Numerical Analysis: Mathematics of Scientific Computing. 3rd Edition. AMS, 2009. R. L. Burden and J. D. Faires. Numerical Analysis. 10th Edition. Cengage, 2016. E. Isaacson and H. B. Keller. Analysis of Numerical Methods. Dover, 1994. S. D. Conte and C. de Boor. Elementary Numerical Analysis - An Algorithmic Approach. Third Edition. SIAM, 2017.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3603	Probability theory (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z Bao, Mathematics *(zgbao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z Bao,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	The emphasis of this course will be on probability models and their applications. The primary aim is to elucidate the fundamental principles of probability theory through examples and to develop the ability of the students to apply what they have learned from this course to widely divergent concrete problems.		
Course Contents & Topics	-Basic probability theory: random variable, discrete and continuous probability distributions, expectation, variance, moment generating function, strong law of large numbers, central limit theorem. -Conditional probability theory: conditional probability, Bayes theorem, conditional expectation, conditional variance, compound random variable, Polya's urn model, Bose-Einstein statistics. -Markov chain theory: concepts of states and transition probability, irreducibility, stationary distribution, limiting probabilities, reversibility, hidden Markov chain, applications in marketing and genetic problems, branching process, Markov decision process. -Poisson process and reliability theory: exponential distribution, memoryless property, Poisson process, concepts of reliability, applications to server queue problems.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand and recognize the fundamental principles of probability theory CLO 2 explain the typical proofs and computational techniques in probability theory and apply them to concrete problems CLO 3 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of various types of probability models		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test	Two midterm tests	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	Coursework assessment	10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S.M. Ross: Introduction to Probability Models (Academic Press, 2007, 9th ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3901	Operations research I (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L Lai, Mathematics *(lai.lexiao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof L Lai,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	The objective is to provide a fundamental account of the basic results and techniques of Linear Programming (LP) and its related topics in operations research. The topics include the simplex method, the dual simplex method, parametric programming, decomposition methods and interior point methods.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Linear programming - Duality theory - Sensitivity analysis and parametric linear programming - Ellipsoid methods - Interior point methods		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the fundamental concept and approach of linear programming appropriate to the further study of operations research CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the underlying techniques of the simplex method and its extensions such as the dual simplex algorithm and the decomposition method CLO 3 understand and apply the theory of integer programming		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in MATH2014 or MATH2101 or MATH2102		

and Impermissible combinations)					
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y			**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and to solve problems with some innovative approaches.			
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.			
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.			
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.			
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms or their applications, or not being able to complete or compute the solution.			
Communication-intensive Course	N				
Course Type	Lecture-based course				
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**			**No. of Hours**
	Lectures				36
	Tutorials				12
	Reading / Self study				100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**		**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50		CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	Two midterm tests	40		CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework assessment	10		CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	J.P. Ignizio and T.M. Cavalier: Linear Programming (Prentice-Hall International, 1994) D. Bertsimas and J.N. Tsitsiklis: Introduction to Linear Optimization (Athena Scientific, 1997) W.L. Winston: Introduction to Mathematical Programming (Duxbury 4/e 2003)				
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/				

MATH3904	**Introduction to optimization (6 credits)**			**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics			**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W Zang, Mathematics *(wzang@maths.hku.hk)*				
Teachers Involved	(Prof W Zang,Mathematics)				
Course Objectives	This course introduces students to the theory and techniques of optimization, aiming at preparing them for further studies in operations research, mathematical economics and related subject areas.				
Course Contents & Topics	- Unconstrained and constrained optimization. - Necessary conditions and sufficient conditions for optimality, convexity, duality. - Algorithms and numerical examples.				
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:				
	CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the basic theory and techniques of optimization			
	CLO 2	solve various optimization problems encountered in practice			
	CLO 3	understand the connection between the purely analytical character of an optimization problem and the behavior of algorithms for solving it			
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y			**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.			
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.			
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.			
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.			
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.			
Communication-intensive Course	N				
Course Type	Lecture-based course				
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**			**No. of Hours**
	Lectures				36
	Tutorials				12
	Reading / Self study				100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**		**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50		CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		50		CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Instructor's lecture notes				

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3905	**Queueing theory and simulation (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr G Han, Mathematics *(ghan@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course introduces students to the models and theory of queueing system, as well as the technique of simulation as a practical tool of analysis.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Markov, birth-and-death, and Poisson processes, exponential models. - Markovian queueing networks. Imbedded Markov-chain queueing models. - Simulation of queueing models and discrete-event systems. - Introduction of the Monte Carlo (MC) method and Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand the terminology and nomenclature appropriate to queueing theory	
	CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of various queueing models	
	CLO 3	formulate concrete problems using queueing theoretical approaches	
	CLO 4	become familiar with fundamental principles of simulation and compare different simulation techniques	
	CLO 5	use Monte Carlo method and Markov Chain Monte Carlo method to conduct numerical simulations	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and to solve problems with some innovative approaches.	
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.	
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.	
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.	
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R.B. Cooper: Introduction to Queueing Theory (Edward Arnold, 1981, 2nd ed.) S.M. Ross: Introduction to Probability Models (Academic Press, 1993, 7th ed., San Diego, California) S.M. Ross: A Course in Simulation (Macmillan, 1991) P. Glasserman: Monte Carlo Methods in Financial Engineering (Springer Science & Business Media, 2004)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3906	**Financial calculus (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G Li, Mathematics *(lotusli@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G Li,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course gives an elementary treatment for the modeling of financial derivatives, asset pricing and market risks from an applied mathematician's point of view. Stochastic calculus and solution methods will be introduced.		
Course Contents & Topics	- An introduction to financial instruments: stocks, bonds, options, forward and future contracts. - Asset pricing: risk neutral relationship, no arbitrage principle. Brownian motion, stochastic calculus, Ito's Lemma, Black-Scholes model and its pricing partial differential equation. - Variations on the Black-Scholes model, American options, path dependent options. Binomial tree Models. Discrete Martingale.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand the terminology and nature of bonds, interest rates, forwards, futures, stocks, options, and the no-arbitrage-principle	
	CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge on using binomial tree models to find option prices via the risk-neutral concept	
	CLO 3	describe basic properties of a Brownian motion and the Black-Scholes stock price model	
	CLO 4	implement stochastic calculus (such as Ito's Lemma) to derive Black-Scholes pricing partial differential equation on various type of options; and find a solution to this partial differential equation	
	CLO 5	apply Euler methods and Runge-Kutta methods to solve initial value problems, and apply finite difference methods to solve boundary value problems	
	CLO 6	use software packages such as Matlab or Python to solve numerical problems	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2211 or MATH2014 or MATH2822. Students are strongly recommended to have passed or already enrolled in MATH3603 or STAT2601.		

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.		
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.		
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.		
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.		
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	A. Etheridge: A Course in Financial Calculus (Cambridge University Press) M. Baxter and A. Rennie: Financial Calculus: An Introduction to Derivative Pricing (Cambridge University Press, 1996) P. Wilmott, S. Howison, J. Dewynne: The Mathematics of Financial Derivatives (Cambridge University Press, 1995) R. Jarrow and S. Turnbull: Derivative Securities (South-Western College Publishing, 1994)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			

MATH3911	**Game theory and strategy (6 credits)**		**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics		**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T W Ng, Mathematics *(ntw@maths.hku.hk)*			
Teachers Involved	(Prof T W Ng,Mathematics)			
Course Objectives	Game theory is the logical analysis of situations of conflict and cooperation. This course will introduce the students to the basic ideas and techniques of mathematical game theory in an interdisciplinary context.			
Course Contents & Topics	- Combinatorial games and Zermelo's Theorem; Prisonner's Dilemma; pure and mixed strategies, minimax theorem; mixed Nash equilibria. - Application to biology: evolutionary stable strategies; games in coalition form; Shapley value. - Application to politics: Shapley-Shubik power index; core and von Neumann-Morgenstern solution; bargaining set.			
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:			
	CLO 1	understand the basic terminology and solution concepts in game theory		
	CLO 2	compute explicitly different solution concepts for some simple cooperative and non-cooperative games		
	CLO 3	apply game theoretical ideas and methods to solve some problems in economics and biology		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014 or (MATH1821 and MATH2822)			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas of Game Theory by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.		
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas of Game Theory by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.		
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas of Game Theory by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.		
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas of Game Theory by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.		
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study	Students are expected to watch videos online before classes.		100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Tutorials, assignments, project, participation, etc.	20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	[Textbook] L.C. Thomas: Games, Theory and Applications (Dover Publications, 2003) [Reference] Alan D. Taylor and Allison M. Pacelli, Mathematics and Politics: Strategy, Voting, Power, and Proof (Springer-Verlag, 2009)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3943	**Network models in operations research (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K H Law,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	The objective is to provide a fundamental account of the basic results and techniques of network models in operations research. There is an equal emphasis on all three aspects of understanding, algorithms and applications. The course serves, together with a course on linear programming, to provide essential concept and background for more advanced studies in operations research.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Graphs and algorithms. - Trees, matchings and paths. - Network models of transportation and assignment problems. - Ford-Fulkerson network flow theory and computation for maximum flow and minimum cost flow algorithms. - Applications to combinatorial optimization problems such as allocation, location and sequencing. - Project networks, if time permits.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand the fundamental concept and approach of graphs and network models appropriate to the further study of operations research	
	CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the underlying techniques of the various graph and network algorithms and their extensions	
	CLO 3	understand the theory of network flows and the duality aspects in such methods of flow computations	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211) or MATH2014.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and to solve problems with some innovative approaches.	
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.	
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.	
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.	
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms or their applications, or not being able to complete or compute the solution.	
Communication-intensive Course	Y		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study	Students are expected to watch videos online before classes.	100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	Tutorials, assignments, participation, etc.	10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Bondy, J. A., and U. S. R. Murty. *Graph Theory with Applications*. London: Macmillan, 1976. Print.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH3999	**Directed studies in mathematics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All teaching staff,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed for students who would like to have early experiences on research related independent studies.		
Course Contents & Topics	The subject matter of the project will be determined by consultation between the student and the supervisor. The student must achieve good standing and get the approval from both the prospective supervisor and the course coordinator to take this course.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	study independently a topic that is not available in the regular curriculum	
	CLO 2	understand how mathematical theories are applied and/or extended in problem-solving	
	CLO 3	gain experience in project writing and oral presentation	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		

and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical evaluation of information drawn from a broad range of high quality sources and to reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	independent work & to attend meetings & seminars	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Dissertation	Written report plus oral presentation	100	CLO 1, 2, 3

Additional Course Information	The offered topics and application procedure are released by email from the Department. Sophomore or above students who have declared Major in Mathematics/Mathematics (Intensive) will receive emails in June. The application results will be announced in late July or early August. For enquiry, please contact the Department. The final report must be submitted by the end of the semester. The deadline for submission will be announced in the due course.

MATH4302	**Algebra II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J H Lu, Mathematics *(jhlu@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J H Lu,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course is an extension of MATH3301 and continues with more advanced topics in algebra. The course may be followed by MATH7501 and MATH7502.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Principal ideal domains and unique factorization domains; - Structure theorem for finitely generated modules of principal ideal domains with applications to finitely generated abelian groups and canonical forms of matrices; - Field extensions; introduction to Galois theory.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
CLO 1	understand basic examples of principal ideal domains and why principal ideal domains are unique factorization domains
CLO 2	understand the classification of finitely generated modules of principal ideal domains and certain canonical forms of matrices
CLO 3	understand and compute splitting fields of irreducible polynomials
CLO 4	compute examples of Galois groups

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2102 and MATH3301

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	F.M. Goodman: Algebra Abstract and Concrete (Online book) url: http://homepage.math.uiowa.edu/~goodman/algebrabook.dir/download.htm T.W. Hungerford: Abstract Algebra: An Introduction (Brooks/Cole, 1997, 2nd ed.) David S. Dummit, Richard M. Foote: Abstract Algebra (Wiley, 2003, 3rd ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4402	**Analysis II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr Y M Chan, Mathematics *(ymchan@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Y M Chan,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course gives a comprehensive and rigorous treatment on calculus of several variables, and a modern treatment of integration theory in the language of differential forms which is essential for more advanced studies in analysis and geometry.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Differentiation of functions of several variables: partial derivatives, differential, differentiability, inverse function theorem, implicit function theorem, submanifolds in R^n, method of Lagrange multipliers. - Integration in R^n: Basic definitions, measure zero and content zero sets, integrability, Fubini's Theorem, partition of unity, change of variables. - Integration on chains: tensors, alternating tensors, vector fields, differential forms, Poincare Lemma, Stokes' Theorem.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the modern language of mathematical analysis and geometry (e.g., able to manipulate differential forms)	
	CLO 2	apply knowledge and skills acquired in mathematical analysis to analyze and handle novel situations in a critical way (e.g., able to determine the differentiability and integrability of specific functions)	
	CLO 3	think creatively and laterally to generate innovative solutions to novel problems (e.g., able to do integration of specific functions on chains)	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3401		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Apostol: Mathematical Analysis Munkres: Analysis on Manifolds Rudin: Principles of Mathematical Analysis Spivak: Calculus on Manifolds
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4404	**Functional analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof D Li, Mathematics *(mathdl@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof D Li,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces students to the basic knowledge of linear functional analysis, an important branch of modern analysis.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Normed spaces, Banach spaces: Finite dimensional normed spaces and subspaces. Compactness and finite dimension. Bounded linear operators. Normed spaces of operators, dual space. - Inner product spaces, Hilbert spaces: Orthogonal complements, direct sums. Orthonormal sets and sequences, series related to orthonormal sets and sequences. Total orthonormal sets and sequences. Special polynomials. Riesz's representation theorem. Adjoint operator, self-adjoint, normal and unitary operators. - Fundamental theorems for normed and Banach spaces: Hahn-Banach theorem. Reflexive spaces. Category		

	theorem, uniform boundedness principle. Open mapping theorem. Closed graph theorem. - Spectral theory of linear operators.

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	compare and contrast (i) finite and infinite dimensional linear spaces, (ii) complete and incomplete linear space, and (iii) normed and inner product spaces; in particular, recognize the importance of completeness and discuss how vectors are represented in these spaces
	CLO 2	understand the notions of Banach spaces and Hilbert Spaces. State and apply fundamental theorems in these spaces
	CLO 3	discuss the dual spaces of some standard Banach spaces
	CLO 4	discuss the boundedness of linear operators and the spectra of special linear operators

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101, MATH2102, MATH2211, MATH2241 and MATH3401			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y	1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
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	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Erwin Kreyszig: Introductory Functional Analysis with Applications (John-Wiley and Sons, 1978)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4406	**Introduction to partial differential equations (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr H Y Zhang, Mathematics *(hyzhang@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr H Y Zhang,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces students to the basic techniques for solving partial differential equations as well as the underlying theories.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Laplace, heat and wave equations. Classification of partial differential equations. Boundary-value, initial-value and eigenvalue problems. Separation of variables, Fourier series, linearity and superposition, Duhamel's principle, characteristic method. - Green's function, generalized functions and fundamental solutions. - Maximum principle, existence, uniqueness and continuous dependence on data. - If time permits Cauchy-Kowalevski theorem, variational method, nonlinear partial differential equations.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	apply the tools of calculus, linear algebra, mathematical analysis in a coherent way to PDE problems
	CLO 2	understand the basic theory of partial differential equations and the methods to solve them
	CLO 3	apply the knowledge of partial differential equations to physical sciences and engineering

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101, MATH2102, MATH2241; and Pass in MATH3405, or already enrolled in this course.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y	1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
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	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N

Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	- W.A. Strauss: Partial Differential Equations: An Introduction, Hoboken, N.J. : Wiley c2008 2nd ed. - R. Haberman: Applied partial differential equations: with Fourier series and boundary value problems, Boston : Pearson c2013 5th ed. - D. Bleecker & G. Csordas: Basic partial differential equations, Cambridge, Mass. : International Press c1996 - L.C. Evans: Partial differential equations, Providence, R.I. : American Mathematical Society c2010 2nd ed.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4501	**Geometry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J H Lu, Mathematics *(jhlu@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J H Lu,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This is an introductory course to Riemannian geometry with emphasis on curves and surfaces in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Plane and space curves, regular surfaces in three-dimensional Euclidean space. - The Gauss map, Gaussian and mean curvatures, Gauss's Theorema Egregium, geodesics, Gauss-Bonnet Theorem. - Introduction to Riemannian geometry and other topics.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 understand the fundamental properties of curves and surfaces in 3-space
	CLO 2 compute curvature and related quantities
	CLO 3 continue with further study in Riemannian geometry

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2101 and MATH2211); and Pass in MATH3401, MATH3405 and MATH3541.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
	A Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
	B Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	- M P Do Carmo: Differential Geometry of Curves and Surfaces (Prentice-Hall, 1976) - Alfred Gray, "Modern differential geometry of curves and surfaces", CRC Press 1993
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4511	**Introduction to differentiable manifolds (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J H Lu, Mathematics *(jhlu@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J H Lu,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	The course aims at introducing students to the notion of differentiable manifolds and basic concepts and tools for their study. The course also aims at presenting concrete examples that are relevant to further fields of study.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Review on functions of several variables, inverse mapping theorem, implicit function theorem. - Differentiable manifolds: definitions and examples. - Maps between manifolds, submanifolds. Differential forms and exterior differentiation. - Integration on manifolds. - Further topics.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 speak the language of differentiable manifolds such as that of vector fields, differential forms, vector bundles, and integration on manifolds CLO 2 present a number of examples of differentiable manifolds and carry out explicit calculations on such examples
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3401 or MATH3541. It would be helpful if students have also taken or are concurrently taking MATH4402.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / 50 / CLO 1, 2 Test / 40 / CLO 1, 2 Assignments / 10 / CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	W. Boothby: An introduction to differential manifolds and Riemannian Geometry (Academic Press, 2002, 2nd Ed.) John M. Lee: Introduction to smooth manifolds (Springer, 2002)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4602	**Scientific computing (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W K Ching, Mathematics *(wching@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof W K Ching,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	To learn some basic theoretical and computational techniques for solving scientific computing problems.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course covers matrix computation problems, least squares problems, numerical methods in differential equations and partial differential equations, etc. The contents may slightly vary from year to year.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apply direct methods to solve linear systems CLO 2 apply iterative methods to solve linear systems CLO 3 apply basic numerical methods to compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a matrix CLO 4 implement singular value decomposition and understand its applications CLO 5 understand basic theory and numerical methods for least squares problems CLO 6 apply numerical methods to solve differential equations and partial differential equations		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3601 or MATH3408		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and numerical algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and numerical algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems and numerical algorithms or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems and numerical algorithms, but with some inadequacies in applying them through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems and numerical algorithms, but with substantial inadequacies in applying them through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems and numerical algorithms or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100		

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	Final exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Michael T. Heath: Scientific Computing (McGraw Hill, 1997) Charles F. Van Loan: Introduction to Scientific Computing, Matlab Curriculum Series (Prentice Hall, 1997) James W. Demmel: Applied Numerical Linear Algebra, SIAM, 1 Aug 1997 Paul Glasserman: Monte Carlo Methods in Financial Engineering, Springer New York, 19 Nov 2010 Peter E. Kloeden and Eckhard Platen: Numerical Solution of Stochastic Differential Equations K.W. Morton, D.F. Mayers, Bill Morton, Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations: An Introduction, Published April 1st 2005 by Cambridge University Press Walter Gander, Martin J. Gander and Felix Kwok: Scientific Computing: An introduction using Maple and MATLAB (Springer, 2013)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4902	**Operations research II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G Han, Mathematics *(ghan@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr M D Wong,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	The objective is to provide a fundamental account of the basic results and techniques of dynamic programming (DP), Markov decision processes (MDP), Queueing Theory (QT) and simulation in operations research. There is emphasis on aspects of algorithms as well as applications. The course serves, together with courses on linear programming and network models, to provide essential optimization concept and algorithms for more advanced studies in operations research.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Dynamic programming (deterministic/stochastic) - Markov decision process (discounted/average costs) - Queueing Theory - Simulation		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand the terminology and nomenclature appropriate to dynamic programming, Markov decision process, queueing theory and simulation		
	CLO 2 explain the typical techniques employed in dynamic programming, Markov decision process, queueing theory and simulation		
	CLO 3 demonstrate the knowledge on algorithms for a variety of problems in operations research		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2101, MATH2211 and MATH3603.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and to solve problems with some innovative approaches.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms and their applications but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify basic principles, appropriate theorems, algorithms or their applications, or not being able to complete or compute the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S. Dreyfus and A. Law: The Art and Theory of Dynamic Programming (Academic Press, 1977) P. Thie: Markov Decision Processes (COMAP, Inc. 1983) S. M. Ross: Introduction to Probability Models (Academic Press, 2007, 9th ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4907	**Numerical methods for financial calculus (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr G Li, Mathematics *(lotusli@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr G Li,Mathematics)		

Course Objectives	This course aims at providing effective numerical methods as well as their theoretical aspects for solving problems arisen from financial derivatives and asset pricing.
Course Contents & Topics	- Introduction to the mathematical theory of vanilla and exotic options, both the PDE and the Martingale approach. - Numerical methods for Black-Scholes pricing differential equations and their performance analyses. - Lattice methods, Monte Carlo simulations and their performance analyses. - Neural networks for option pricing & hedging.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the martingale theory in option pricings as well as related financial derivatives CLO 2 implement and analyse various numerical methods on the Black-Scholes pricing differential equation CLO 3 understand the connection between the binomial tree method and the finite difference method of the Black-Scholes pricing differential equation CLO 4 implement and analyse Monte Carlo simulation methods on the martingale pricing formula
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3906 or equivalent.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	Written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	J. Strikwerda: Finite Difference Schemes and PDEs (Wadsworth & Brooks, 1989) Alison Etheridge: A Course in Financial Calculus (Cambridge University Press) Wilmott, Dewynne and Howison: Option Pricing: Mathematical Models and Computation (Latest Edition) (Oxford Financial Press) P. Glasserman: Monte Carlo Methods in Financial Engineering (Latest Edition) (Springer-Verlag) J. Ruf & W. Wang; Neural networks for option pricing and hedging: a literature review. Journal of Computational Finance 24 (1), 1-46, 2020.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4910	**Senior mathematics seminar (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	12
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F Schremmer,Mathematics) (IMR PDF 3,Mathematics) (IMR PDF 4,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This seminar style capstone course aims to provide students with the experience of intense reading of journal articles and book chapters, followed by group discussions through which knowledge acquisition and synthesis will be attained. Students will look at particular mathematical topics in depth, and will master the topics through reading, listening, discussing and writing.		
Course Contents & Topics	Lie groups serve as a mathematical treatment of continuous symmetries, and Lie algebras can be considered as infinitesimal versions of Lie groups. They are fundamental objects in modern mathematical research and have deep applications in various fields, including representation theory, algebraic geometry, combinatorics, and mathematical physics. This seminar for 2023-2024 will mainly focus on the basic theory of Lie groups and Lie algebras, as well as their connections with other fields.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain and discuss the contents of the topics they studied CLO 2 critique and argue about the ideas and theories of the work they studied CLO 3 organize and synthesize the material they have learned, and report orally and in writing using mathematical language		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of the material by lucid exposition. Engage constructively by providing insightful analyses and raising critical points in group discussion. Demonstrate clear and critical analysis, coherent synthesis, and effective		

		application of the knowledge through writing and oral presentation using mathematical language.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of the material by mostly clear and effective presentation. Engage actively in group discussion most of the time by providing helpful points and asking questions that advance the discussion. Demonstrate mostly clear and effective analysis, synthesis, and application of the knowledge through writing and oral presentation using mathematical language.
	C	Demonstrate a general understanding of the material by moderately effective presentation. Engage in group discussion most of the time with some useful input. Demonstrate moderately clear and effective analysis, synthesis, and application of the knowledge through writing and oral presentation using mathematical language.
	D	Demonstrate a basic but limited understanding of the material by partially effective presentation. Plays a passive role, or gives limited useful contribution to group discussion. Demonstrate limited or barely effective analysis, synthesis, and application of the knowledge through writing and oral presentation using mathematical language.
	Fail	Demonstrate inadequate understanding of the material by barely effective or ineffective presentation. Little or no participation in and contribution to group discussion. Demonstrate inadequate or ineffective analysis, synthesis, and application of the knowledge through writing and oral presentation using mathematical language.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Meeting with supervisor	Seminars: Students take turns to give presentations to the whole class; group discussions.	36
Reading / Self study	Reading material and preparation for presentations and discussions; writing of reports/research papers.	100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Research report	Written report / research paper: Individual and/or group reports/research papers totally no more than 10,000 words.	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Oral presentation	Based on seminar presentations, class participations and group discussions.	60	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH4911	**Mathematics capstone project (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Mathematics *()*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T W Ng,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide students an experience of engaging in a project which requires integration and/or application of the mathematical knowledge they have acquired.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students will work collaboratively in small groups on a project under the guidance of their supervisor(s). Emphasis of this capstone project is on the integration and/or application of mathematical knowledge acquired by the students. The project topic is not limited to academic context, but can also be extended to a community or corporate outreach project. Projects may take the form of a combination of literature research, survey, data analysis, creation of artifacts or media contents, exhibition, public lectures, development of solution plan for the problem under study, etc. Assessment may take the form of written report, oral presentation, media production, portfolio, and/or peer evaluation, etc. Topics are either chosen by the supervisor(s), or proposed by the students and approved by their supervisor(s).		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 integrate and apply mathematical knowledge they have previously acquired		
	CLO 2 work collaboratively with others		
	CLO 3 communicate their project topic to experts and/or lay audiences through suitable media using appropriate mathematical terms and language		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. This course is for third and fourth year students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate excellent and creative integration and/or application of the mathematical knowledge previously acquired. Take initiative in, and collaborate highly effectively on, the project. Communicate effectively through suitable media using appropriate mathematical terms and language.
B	Demonstrate good integration and/or application of the mathematical knowledge previously acquired. Participate actively in, and collaborate mostly effectively on, the project. Communicate mostly effectively through suitable media using appropriate mathematical terms and language.
C	Demonstrate a general level of integration and/or application of the mathematical knowledge previously acquired. Demonstrate moderately effective collaboration on the project. Moderately effective communication using mathematical terms and language.
D	Demonstrate some partial integration and/or application of the mathematical knowledge previously acquired. Demonstrate barely effective collaboration on the project. Show limited ability to effectively communicate using mathematical terms and language.
Fail	Demonstrate weak or poor integration and/or application of the mathematical knowledge previously acquired. Show passive participation in, and ineffective collaboration on, the project. Communicate ineffectively using mathematical terms and language.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Meeting with supervisor	Students meet with their supervisor(s) to present results or to discuss their progress.	20
Assessment	Project work: Students work on their project	130

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Research report	Written report / media production: This part may include written reports, booklets, exhibition materials, video productions, computer software, etc.	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Dissertation	Coursework assessment: Based on participation and collaboration throughout the whole project.	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Oral presentation	Oral presentation components of the project may include seminars, lectures, oral reports, audio recordings, etc.	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			
Additional Course Information	The offered topics and application procedure are released by email from the Department. Sophomore or above students who have declared Major in Mathematics/Mathematics (Intensive) will receive emails in June. The application results will be announced in late July or early August. For enquiry, please contact the Department. The final report must be submitted by the end of the semester. The deadline for submission will be announced in the due course.			

MATH4966	**Mathematics internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr. H Y Zhang, Mathematics *(internship@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All teaching staff,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This course aims to offer students the opportunities to gain work experience in the industry related to their major of study. The workplace learning experience would be of great benefits to the students to apply their knowledge gained in the study to the real work environments. Students have to take on at least 160 hours of internship work either within the University or outside the University arranged by the department.		
Course Contents & Topics	Within the university: each student will be supervised by a staff member (supervisor), working on a project or various tasks as instructed by the supervisor. Outside the university: each student will carry out approved work under the guidance and supervision of an external supervisor.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 gain work experience in an industry related to mathematical sciences CLO 2 have an understanding of how mathematics is used to solve real-world problems		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction**: Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. **Pass**: Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction". **Fail**: Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.		
Communication-intensive Course	Y		
Course Type	Internship		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Internship work	it is expected that students are to work at least 160 hours (or the equivalent of 4 weeks full-time)	160

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Written report	written report, employer's feedback and oral presentation	100	CLO 1, 2

Additional Course Information	Satisfactory completion of this course can be counted towards the Capstone requirement. Details of internship will be recorded on the student's transcript. This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

MATH4999	**Mathematics project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K H Law, Mathematics *(lawkaho@connect.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All teaching staff,Mathematics)		

Course Objectives	The aim of the course is to provide students with the opportunity to formulate and to investigate, in depth, problems of practical interest and/or to have a foretaste of mathematical research. The work, to be done on an individual basis, is considered a highly desirable part of the training of a mathematician.
Course Contents & Topics	The subject matter of the project will be determined by consultation between the student and his/her supervisor. The projects will be selected from areas of pure and applied mathematics. Students must achieve good standing and get the approval from both the prospective supervisor and the course co-ordinator to take this course.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 study independently and in depth an advanced topic that is not available in the regular curriculum CLO 2 analyze and synthesize information gathered from different sources CLO 3 articulate their findings and conclusions CLO 4 give an exposition of their work in a written report
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	This capstone course is for Mathematics / Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) in the Mathematics/ Mathematics (Intensive), and Mathematics/Physics Majors; and subject to approval by the Department.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical evaluation of information drawn from a broad range of high quality sources and to reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Reading / Self study / independent work & to attend meetings & seminars / 240
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Dissertation / Written report plus oral presentation / 100 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Additional Course Information	The offered topics and application procedure are released by email from the Department. Sophomore or above students who have declared Major in Mathematics/Mathematics (Intensive) will receive emails in June. The application results will be announced in late July or early August. For enquiry, please contact the Department. The final report must be submitted by the end of the 2nd semester. The deadline for submission will be announced in the due course.

MATH7101	**Intermediate complex analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof N Mok, Mathematics *(nmok@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof N Mok,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	The objective is to familiarize students with analytic, algebraic and geometric concepts and techniques in the study of Complex Analysis in a single variable beyond an introductory course on functions of a complex variable.		
Course Contents & Topics	In the course we study meromorphic functions on compact Riemann surfaces and on open Riemann surfaces using analytic and algebraic techniques. Topics on meromorphic functions include the constructions of meromorphic functions on compact Riemann surfaces, elliptic functions, Poincare series, the Mittag-Leffler Problem and the Weierstrass Problem on compact Riemann surfaces and on open Riemann surfaces.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 analyze rational functions on the Riemann Sphere and analyze elliptic functions, equivalently meromorphic functions, on elliptic curves CLO 2 formulate various classical existence problems on meromorphic functions and reduce them to analytic or cohomological problems, being able to solve them in certain typical cases CLO 3 identify the key arguments in the proofs of various mathematical results concerning meromorphic functions on compact Riemann surfaces or on plain domains and apply them in solving problems CLO 4 identify the key elements in the theoretic foundation of various additional topics covered in the course and apply them in solving problems		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in a first course in Complex Analysis such as MATH3403, and approval by the course coordinator.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.		

	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Written midterm test and written/oral end-of-term assessment	100	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	R. Narasimhan: Complex Analysis in One Variable (Birkhauser, 2001, 2nd edition) O. Forster: Lectures on Riemann Surfaces (Springer-Verlag, 1981) J.B. Conway: Functions of One Complex Variable I (Springer-Verlag, 1995) K. Chandrasekharan: Elliptic Functions (Springer-Verlag, 1985) K.G. Krantz, Geometric Function Theory (Birkhauser, 2006)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			

MATH7201	**Topics in geometry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Mathematics *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course introduces to students a main area of differential geometry beyond the notion of manifolds and the calculus of differential forms and prepares them to study further and to do research in geometry.		
Course Contents & Topics	- The topic varies according to the year and the instructor. For example, it can be one of (but not restricted to) the following: (i) Riemannian geometry: affine and Levi-Civita connection, Riemann curvature tensor, spinor bundles, Laplace and Dirac operators, harmonic forms and spinors, applications in relativity; (ii) Symplectic geometry: symplectic vector spaces, symplectic manifolds, Lagrangian submanifolds, Hamiltonian group actions, moment maps, symplectic quotients, convexity theorems, localization; (iii) Vector bundles: vector bundles, connection and curvature, characteristic forms and classes, superconnections, transgression, topological K-theory, introduction to index theory.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	have a working knowledge of the calculus of differential forms beyond the level of MATH3511	
	CLO 2	understand the keys points of the particular subject chosen and be ready to learn other topics in Geometry	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH4402 or MATH4501) and (MATH4511 or the approval of the course coordinator)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.	
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.	
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.	
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.	
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.	

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC			

MATH7202	**Complex manifolds (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof N Mok, Mathematics *(nmok@hku.hk)*		

Teachers Involved	(Prof N Mok,Mathematics)
Course Objectives	This course aims to present the foundation of the theory of complex manifolds and to introduce students to a variety of research topics, focusing on compact complex manifolds.
Course Contents & Topics	- This course contains an introductory part on basic notions on complex manifolds including sheaf cohomology, cohomology theories in terms of differential forms, Hermitian and Kahler manifolds, and Hermitian holomorphic vector bundles. - It proceeds to introduce the theory of harmonic forms, establishing fundamental results on compact complex manifolds including Serre duality, the Kodaira Vanishing Theorem, the Kodaira Embedding Theorem and Hodge decomposition on compact Kahler manifolds. - The course concludes with a choice of topics on analytic and geometric aspects of the theory of complex manifolds. Examples of such topics include (i) Siegel's Theorem on the field of meromorphic functions on a compact complex manifold; (ii) geometry of compact quotients of bounded symmetric domains and Hermitian symmetric manifolds; (iii) an introduction to the deformation theory of compact complex submanifolds in a complex manifold.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 grasp the notion of holomorphic line bundles, understand various ways for establishing the existence of global holomorphic sections of line bundles, and to relate them to the embedding of compact complex manifolds CLO 2 grasp the relationship between sheaf cohomology, de Rham cohomology and d-bar cohomology, and make use of the relationship to solve various existence problems by means of vanishing theorems on harmonic forms CLO 3 grasp the basics of complex differential geometry such as notions of connections and curvature on Kahler manifolds and on Hermitian holomorphic vector bundles, and be able to relate various notions of positivity of curvature and apply them to vanishing and embedding theorems CLO 4 identify the key elements in the theoretical foundation of various additional topics covered in the course and to make use of them in solving problems
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3403 or MATH4501 or MATH7101.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems. **B** Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors. **C** Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors. **D** Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors. **Fail** Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Written midterm test and written/oral end-of-term assessment	100	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. Griffiths & J. Harris: Principles of Algebraic Geometry, Pure and Applied Mathematics (Wiley-Interscience Publishers, New York 1978) K. Kodaira: Complex Manifolds and Deformation of Complex Structures (Grundlehren der mathematischen Wissenschaften 283, Springer-Verlag, Berlin-Heidelberg 1986) N. Mok: Metric Rigidity Theorems on Hermitian Locally Symmetric Manifolds (World Scientific, Singapore-New Jersey 1989)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/

MATH7217	**Topics in financial mathematics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Mathematics *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course aims at introducing students to fundamental knowledge in financial mathematics and risk management. It can help preparing students to research or take more advanced courses in those directions.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Investment models and portfolio theory. - Interest rate modeling. - Mathematics of financial derivatives, pricing and hedging. - Estimation and modeling of volatilities. - Risk measures and risk management.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand and be able to utilize various models and results in investment and interest rate CLO 2 grasp the methodology in derivative pricings and the modeling of volatilities CLO 3 understand and be able to utilize the concept of risk measures and risk management, subject to the topics chosen that year		

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in an advanced level mathematics courses (MATH3XXX, MATH4XXX, or MATH7XXX) and subject to the approval of the course coordinator.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC

MATH7219	**Topics in applied functional analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof D Li, Mathematics *(mathdl@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof D Li,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This is a graduate to advanced undergraduate university level course on applied functional analysis, which aims at introducing to students the basic knowledge of using functional analysis on various applied topics in mathematics. This course would lay a foundation for students in studying more advanced mathematical courses.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Generalized functions (also called distributions), delta function, generalized Fourier Transform. Applications to differential equations, Fundamental solution, Green's function. - Sobolev spaces, Sobolev Embedding Theorem, Trace. - Hilbert space linear operator theory (bounded operators, compact operators, closed unbounded operators), spectral theory. Applications to differential equations (infinitesimal generator, semigroup of linear operators). - Applications to optimization problems. Wherever needed, we shall also review techniques for Metric spaces (Category Theorem), Banach spaces (Hahn-Banach Theorem, Opening Mapping Theorem, Closed Graph Theorem and Uniform Boundedness Principle) and Hilbert spaces (Orthogonality and best approximation, Fourier isometry).		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	apply generalized functions and their Fourier transform to practical problems
CLO 2	understand Sobolev spaces and how to apply them in the process of solving differential equations
CLO 3	understand Hilbert space linear operator theory and apply it in solving differential equations
CLO 4	apply these results to optimization problems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3401 and MATH4404, or approval of the course coordinator.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

	Project reports		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC			

MATH7224	**Topics in advanced probability theory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G Han, Mathematics *(ghan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G Han,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	Depending on the instructor, this course focuses on selected topics in probability theory.		
Course Contents & Topics	Selected topics from probability theory and related fields with their applications, including, but not limited to, probability theory, statistics, stochastic calculus, stochastic optimization, stochastic approximation, statistical inference, information theory and so on.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 demonstrate in-depth understanding of basic concepts and terminologies in probability theory		
	CLO 2 understand and apply the fundamental theorems for further problem solving in theory or practice, the learning outcomes are subject to the topics chosen that year		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3603 and MATH4402, and approval of the course coordinator.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
Fail	Demonstrates poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting			
Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Test		50	CLO 1, 2
Project reports		50	CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	No specific reading or online materials will be required or recommended for this course, as the content may vary from year to year.		
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/		

MATH7501	**Topics in algebra (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z Hua, Mathematics *(huazheng@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z Hua,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	To provide students specializing in mathematics with the opportunity to study some topics in algebra in greater depth.		
Course Contents & Topics	- A selection of advanced topics in algebra such as group theory; rings and modules; Galois theory; quadratic forms; multilinear algebra; algebraic number theory; group representations; commutative algebra; Grobner basis theory; introduction to algebraic geometry. Topics may vary from year to year.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 acquire knowledge in the covered topics to considerable depth		
	CLO 2 if he/she wishes, pursue more advanced studies in areas of algebra		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Approval by the course coordinator.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.

	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	Assignments + Project	50	CLO 1, 2
	Presentation	Oral Presentation	50	CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be decided by the course instructor.			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			

MATH7502	**Topics in applied discrete mathematics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W Zang, Mathematics *(wzang@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof W Zang,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	This is a follow-up of the course MATH3600. It introduces students to some powerful linear algebra and probabilistic methods that have been used with striking success in discrete mathematics, and covers some of the most fundamental and beautiful results obtained by these methods.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Linear algebra method: rank argument, eigenvalue technique, polynomial technique, general position method. 2. Probabilistic method: basic method, linearity of expectation, deletion method, Lov\'asz local lemma, second moment method. 3. Additional techniques if time permits.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of some research areas of applied discrete mathematics	
	CLO 2	solve various discrete mathematics problems using linear algebra and probabilistic methods	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH3301 or MATH3600), and approval of the course coordinator.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.	
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.	
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.	
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.	
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.	

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Instructor's lecture notes.			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/			

MATH7503	**Topics in advanced optimization (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X Yuan, Mathematics *(xmyuan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X Yuan,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	To learn a selection of advanced and up-to-date topics in continuous optimization, including theory, numerical algorithms and applications.		
Course Contents & Topics	A deeper and wider study in some advanced topics related to optimization and its applications. This course covers a selection of topics including convex programming, nonconvex programming, saddle point problems, variational inequalities, optimization theory and algorithms suitable for contemporary applications in various areas such as machine learning, artificial intelligence, imaging processing, and computer vision. The selected topics may vary from year to year.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

	CLO 1	understand the advanced concept and approach of optimization as appropriate in Scientific Computing, Operations Research, Data Science, etc
	CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the underlying theory and techniques of the various formulations and algorithms plus their extensions

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3901, MATH3904 and approval of the course coordinator.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and to solve problems with some innovative approaches.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Reading / Self study	include presentations	100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	One written midterm	20	CLO 1, 2
	Assignments	One assignment	10	CLO 1, 2
	Essay	Two essays	20	CLO 1, 2
	Project reports	Research Project Report	30	CLO 1, 2
	Presentation	Oral Presentation	20	CLO 1, 2

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Stephen Boyd and Lieven Vandenberghe: Convex Optimization (Cambridge University Press, 2012) Jorge Nocedal and Stephen J. Wright: Numerical Optimization (Springer, 2010) Dimitri P. Bertsekas, Angelia Nedic and Asuman E. Ozdaglar: Convex Analysis and Optimization (Athena Scientific, 2003) M.S. Bazaraa and C.M. Shetty: Nonlinear Programming (John Wiley & Sons, 1993, 2nd edition) R. Tyrrell Rockafellar: Convex Analysis (Princeton University Press, 1997) H.H. Bauschke and P.L. Combettes: Convex Analysis and Monotone Operator Theory in Hilbert Spaces (Springer, New York, 2nd edition, 2017) A. Beck: First Order Methods in Optimization (SIAM, Philadelphia, 2017)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/
Additional Course Information	Change the course title from "Topics in Mathematical Programming and Optimization" to "Topics in Advanced Optimization".

MATH7504	**Geometric topology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Mathematics *()*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course gives a geometric introduction to some of the methods of algebraic topology. The emphasis throughout will be on the geometric motivations and applications of the theory.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Continuity. Compactness. Connectedness. The fundamental group. Triangulations and classification of surfaces. Theory and applications of simplicial homology. Theory of covering spaces. Theory of attaching spaces.		

Course Learning Outcomes		
	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand basic ideas and constructions which are important both in pursuing the deeper theories as well as in many applications in algebraic topology
	CLO 2	understand the ideas of attaching space, complexes, lifting and extension properties, and surgery on manifolds

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3301 and MATH3401			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N		**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate an excellent understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation and being able to carry out computations carefully and correctly, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, identifying the appropriate theorems or their applications and presentation or with some minor computational errors.
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument and presentation or a number of minor computational errors.
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation or with substantial computational errors.
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, or not being able to complete the solution.

Communication-intensive Course	N

Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2
	Assignments	coursework assessment	50	CLO 1, 2
Required/recommended reading and online materials	M.A. Armstrong: Basic Topology (Springer-Verlag UTM) J. Rotman: An Introduction to Algebraic Topology (Springer-Verlag GTM)			

MATH7505	**Real analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Mathematics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C Y Hui, Mathematics *(chhui@maths.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C Y Hui,Mathematics)		
Course Objectives	To introduce the basic ideas and techniques of measure theory and the Lebesgue integral.		
Course Contents & Topics	• Lebesgue Measure on R: Measurable Sets and Lebesgue Measure, Measurable Functions. • The Lebesgue Integral: The Lebesgue Integral, Modes of Convergence, Convergence Theorems. • Differentiation and Integration: Functions of Bounded Variation, Differentiation of an Integral, Absolute Continuity. • The L^p Spaces: The L^p spaces, Convergence and Completeness, Bounded Linear Functionals. • General Theory: Measurable Spaces, Measurable Functions, Integration, Convergence Theorems, Radon-Nikodym Theorem.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe basic properties of Lebesgue measure and measurable functions and understand and apply various convergence theorems	
	CLO 2	construct the Lebesgue integral, elucidate its basic properties and appreciate the existence of other useful integration theories besides Riemann's	
	CLO 3	understand the basic properties of L^p spaces	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	1. Pass in MATH3401. 2. MATH3541 recommended but not required.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate a thorough understanding of all concepts and ideas by being able to draw complex connections among various concepts and apply the theorems through correctly analysing problems, clearly and elegantly presenting correct logical reasoning and argumentation, and with some innovative approaches to solving problems.	
	B	Demonstrate a good understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to identify the appropriate theorems and their applications through correctly analysing problems, but with some minor inadequacies in arguments, reasoning, identifying the appropriate theorems, applications, or presentation.	
	C	Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with some inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with acceptable argument and presentation.	
	D	Demonstrate some understanding of key concepts and ideas by being able to correctly identify appropriate theorems, but with substantial inadequacies in applying the theorems through incorrectly analysing problems with poor argument or presentation.	
	Fail	Demonstrate poor and inadequate understanding by not being able to identify appropriate theorems or their applications, and not being able to complete the solution.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Reading / Self study		100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	Written	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	Written / Oral	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. Axler: Measure, Integration, and Real Analysis 2. Folland: Real Analysis 3. Folland: A Guide to Advanced Real Analysis 4. Royden: Real Analysis 5. Rudin: Real and complex analysis 6. Stein and Shakarchi: Real Analysis		
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk/		

PHYS1000	Introduction to astronomy (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Physics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr J C S Pun, Physics *(jcspun@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr J C S Pun,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is an introductory course on astronomy, including both the observational aspect of the field and a descriptive survey of the solar system, the Sun, stars, galaxies and the universe. Selected special topics such as extrasolar planets, neutron stars, black holes and dark matter will also be included. The course will include observing sessions with telescopes (subject to weather conditions).		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics covered include the observational aspect of astronomy (including constellations and planets), the physics of our solar system, and our own Sun, stars and their evolution, galaxies, black holes, and cosmology. It also provides students with a basic understanding of the relationship of the science of astronomy to life, and how our nature works on the macroscopic level. The course will arrange for observing activities of the Sun and the night sky with telescopes.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 identify and describe the major objects in our Solar System and our universe (including stars and galaxies), and explain their main properties		
	CLO 2 use the celestial sphere model to describe the apparent trajectories of celestial objects		
	CLO 3 review the evolution of the world-view from the geocentric model to the heliocentric model and the discovery of the expansion of the universe on our world-view		
	CLO 4 apply quantitative physical laws, including Kepler's three laws of planetary motion, Newton's law of universal gravitation, Doppler shift formula and Hubble's law to calculate and solve simple astronomical problems		
	CLO 5 explain the evolution of stars and the evolution of the universe		
	CLO 6 communicate astronomical problems and solutions using appropriate astronomical terminology and good English		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Nil		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	Examination	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective observation skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective observation skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective observation skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective observation skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective observation skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		32
	Laboratory		6
	Reading / Self study		82

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Laboratory reports	Observations with telescope	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	E. Chaisson and S. McMillan: Astronomy Today (Pearson, 2011)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS1001	University physics (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Physics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr F K Chow, Physics *(judychow@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F K Chow,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is an introductory, calculus-based physics course for the students who want to have an overview in physics at the university level.		
Course Contents & Topics	It covers mechanics, gravitation, oscillations, waves and sound, heat and thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism, and physical optics. Conceptual ideas in physics are emphasized and the mathematical treatment is moderate.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe and explain the fundamental physical principles		

	CLO 2	apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to situations of the physical world
	CLO 3	analyse and solve problems with the aids of mathematics
	CLO 4	acquire and interpret experimental data to examine the physical laws

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		3
	Tutorials		9
	Reading / Self study		72

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Raymond A. Serway and John W. Jewett: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Thomson, 2011, 8th edition) James S. Walker: Physics (Prentice Hall, 2009, 4th edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS1050	**Physics for engineering students (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr C C Ling, Physics *(ccling@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C C Ling,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course offers a comprehensive training of physics for engineers. It covers the major physical laws on mechanics, electricity and magnetism. A calculus-based approach is adopted.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will introduce and discuss the following topics: Units and Dimensional Analysis, Motion of a Particle in One and Two Dimensions, Newton's Laws of Motion, Friction, Circular Motion, Force, Impulse and Momentum, Force Polygon and Static Equilibrium, Work and Energy, System of Particles, Moment of Inertia and Rotation of a Rigid Body, Simple Harmonic Motion and Pendulum; Electrostatic Fields and Potential, Gauss's Law, DC circuits, Magnetic field due to Moving Charges, Force on a Moving Charge in Magnetic Field, Biot-Savart law, Ampere's law, Electromagnetic Induction, Faraday's Law, Eddy Currents, AC circuits, Phases in Capacitive and Inductive Circuits, Power, DC and AC Generators, Transformer.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	describe and explain the physical principles of mechanics, electricity and magnetism
	CLO 2	apply these principles to situations of the physical and engineering world
	CLO 3	analyze and solve basic problems using the calculus-based approach
	CLO 4	acquire and interpret experimental data to examine the physical laws

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or Combined Science with Physics components or equivalent; and (Level 2 or above in Module 1, or Module 2 of HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent, or Pass in MATH1011) (This course is exclusive for Engineering students.)			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply

		knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		6
	Tutorials		8
	Reading / Self study		72

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator R. Serway and J.W. Jewett: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Thomson, 2009, 8th edition) R. D. Knight: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Pearson, 2008, 2nd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS1055	**How things work (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr J C S Pun, Physics *(jcspun@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr J C S Pun,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed for students in all disciplines and all years who are curious about science in daily life. The course covers the working principles and mechanisms of the things and phenomena around us. Logical thinking and appreciation of science are emphasized with mathematics kept at a minimum. Students are trained to develop scientific intuition and to understand that many "magical" things in everyday life can be predictable.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: the science in the household and the science of driving, sports and amusement. Daily applications are explored with simple and lucid explanations. Developments in optical recording, medical imaging for diagnosis and the magnetic levitated trains in public transportation are introduced as examples of the modern technology. Contents of the course are constantly updated to reflect the advances in modern science and technology.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 describe and discuss the physical principles that are behind the household appliances and the scientific issues in daily life
	CLO 2 demonstrate their knowledge to related topics qualitatively
	CLO 3 criticize and express views in logical and effective ways
	CLO 4 recognize the significance of science and technology

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator L. A. Bloomfield: How Things Work: The Physics of Everyday Life (John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 2008, 3rd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS1056	Weather, climate and climate change (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Physics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr J C S Pun, Physics *(jcspun@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr J C S Pun,Physics) (Mr H W Tong,Hong Kong Observatory) (Mr P Cheung,Hong Kong Observatory) (Mr W K Wong,Hong Kong Observatory)		
Course Objectives	Weather and climate play an important role in human activities and history. In this course, we shall introduce to students the fundamentals of weather, climate and climate changes, to arouse their interests in the scientific and technological advancements.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will encompass topics on: basic physical principles on weather phenomena like: wind, temperature, humidity, cold/warm fronts, thunderstorms and tropical cyclones; introductory weather analysis, forecast and climate. Through real life examples, students will get familiarized with the weather/climate science and interpretation of meteorological information, climatology and climate change. Experts from the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) will participate in the course to cover aspects on daily weather forecasts, public weather services, local severe weather phenomena, tropical cyclones, climatology of Hong Kong, and climate change. Tentatively, there will be visit to the HKO to study the meteorological facilities and understand the operational activities on weather and climate.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	recall the basic principles of weather and climate
CLO 2	apply the principles to interpret weather / climate information, for example from the HKO web site, internet or media
CLO 3	identify and explain the differences of weather and climate in Hong Kong as compared to other parts of the world
CLO 4	explain the basic causes of climate change and its potential impacts
CLO 5	describe and discuss the daily operational activities in the HKO

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 3, 4, 5
	Test		25	CLO 1, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Frederick Lutgens and Edward Tarbuck: The Atmosphere (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2013)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS1150	Problem solving in physics (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Physics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C J Wang, Physics *(cjwang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F K Chow,Physics) (Prof C J Wang,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is the first course in our course series that introduces problem solving, mathematical and computational skill sets that are commonly used in the study of university-level physics. Instead of adopting a cookbook approach, we focus on training students how to think and work as physicists through tackling simple physics problems by both analytical and numerical means. After completion, interested students may take the second level courses in this series, namely, PHYS2150 and/or PHYS2155 and/or PHYS2160. (Knowledge of Module 1 or Module 2 in HKDSE Mathematics, or MATH1011, or equivalent is advantageous, though not required.)		
Course Contents & Topics	This course trains students to think and act as physicists by introducing basic problem solving, mathematical and computational skills that are commonly used in the study of university-level physics. Topics include: the use of vectors and their operations, differentiation, integration, differential equations, several variables differentiation,		

	matrix operation, complex numbers, and rudiment of numerical methods in tackling simple physics problems. Basic MATLAB commands will be introduced and used in this course.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	state physical systems by the language of mathematics and employ mathematical logic and reasoning to read physics
CLO 2	apply calculus to solve problems
CLO 3	review the features of various solving tools in physics as well as plan and select appropriate tools when solving physical problems
CLO 4	describe the connections between mathematical equations and physical problems
CLO 5	formulate and operate physical problems both qualitatively and quantitatively
CLO 6	interpret and judge the physical meaning of result after calculations

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent, or Pass in PHYS1240; and Not for students who have passed in MATH2014 or MATH2101 or MATH2211, or already enrolled in these courses		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator R. Shankar: Basic Training in Mathematics - A Fitness Program for Science (Springer, 1995) Steven C. Chapra: Applied Numerical Methods with MATLAB for Engineers and Scientists (McGraw-Hill Education, 2017, 4th edition) Joel R. Hass, Maurice D. Weir, and George B. Thomas, Jr: University Calculus: Early Transcendentals (Pearson, 2015, 3rd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS1240	**Physics by inquiry (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr F K Chow, Physics *(judychow@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F K Chow,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course aims at providing students a solid background and knowledge in physics as well as its connection with our daily life phenomena and activities. It is targeted to those with little physics background and is conducted with no descriptions in differential and integral calculus. After completing this course, interested students may move on to take PHYS1150 or PHYS1250.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course has a general coverage in most physics topics and is conducted with no descriptions in differential and integral calculus. Emphasis will be stressed on the understanding of various physical phenomena in daily life through qualitative and simple quantitative analysis. The course contents cover: Mechanics, Heat, Optics, Waves, Electricity and Magnetism.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	describe and distinguish the concepts and principles in introductory study of physics
CLO 2	recognize the underlying physical principles behind various daily life phenomena
CLO 3	explain physical phenomena using proper physical laws and theories
CLO 4	apply simple mathematical techniques for quantitative analysis in solving physics problems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL Not for students with level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics; and Not for students who have passed in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1300 or ENGG1310, or already enrolled in these courses; and Not for students who have passed in any level 2 PHYS course or above.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Including in-class quizzes (10%)	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator John D. Cutnell, Shane Stadler, David Young, and Kenneth W. Johnson: Introduction to Physics (John Wiley & Sons, 2015, International Student Version, 10th Edition) Paul G. Hewitt: Conceptual Physics (Pearson, 2022, 13th edition) Raymond A. Serway, Chris Vuille, and John Hughes: College Physics (Cengage Learning, 2024, 12th edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS1250	**Fundamental physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J H C Lee, Physics *(jleehc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J H C Lee,Physics) (Prof Z Wan,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is the first physics course for those who want to minor in physics or astronomy as well as for those who want to have an overview in physics. It covers the fundamental blocks in physics in one semester. Conceptual ideas in physics are emphasized and the mathematical treatment is moderate. Those who enter HKU before 2018 may also take this course as one of their astronomy, math/physics or physics major requirements.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Mechanics, Wave Motions, Physical Optics, Thermodynamics, and Electromagnetism.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe and explain the fundamental physical principles		
	CLO 2 apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to situations of the physical world		
	CLO 3 analyse and solve problems with the aids of mathematics		
	CLO 4 acquire and interpret experimental data to examine the physical laws		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics or equivalent, or Pass in PHYS1240; and Not for students who have passed in PHYS1050, or already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in any level 2 PHYS course or above.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Laboratory		6
Tutorials		8
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3

	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Raymond A. Serway and John W. Jewett: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Thomson, 2011, 8th edition) James S. Walker: Physics (Prentice Hall, 2009, 4th edition)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS1650	**Nature of the universe (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K M Lee, Physics *(kmlee1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K M Lee,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is an introductory course in astronomy for students in all disciplines and all years. This is also the first course in our series of two compulsory courses to introduce basic astronomy knowledge, methods and recent advances for astronomy minor. No prior knowledge in astronomy, physics, and higher mathematics is required, but will help. After completing this course, interested students may take the second course in this series, namely, PHYS2650.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics covered include the observational aspect of astronomy (including constellations and planets), the physics of our solar system, and our own Sun, stars and their evolution, galaxies, blackholes, and cosmology. It also provides students with a basic understanding of the relationship of astronomy to life and how our nature works on the macroscopic level. Students are expected to participate actively in the night sky observations.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	identify and describe the major objects in our Solar System and our universe (including stars and galaxies), and explain their main properties	
	CLO 2	use the celestial sphere model to describe the apparent trajectories of celestial objects	
	CLO 3	review the evolution of the world-view from the geocentric model to the heliocentric model and the discovery of the expansion of the universe on our world-view	
	CLO 4	apply quantitative physical laws, including Kepler's three laws of planetary motion, Newton's law of universal gravitation, Doppler shift formula and Hubble's law to calculate and solve simple astronomical problems	
	CLO 5	explain the evolution of stars and the evolution of the universe	
	CLO 6	communicate astronomical problems and solutions using appropriate astronomical terminology and good English	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective observation skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective observation skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective observation skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective observation skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective observation skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		12
	Tutorials		8
	Reading / Self study		64

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	E. Chaisson and S. McMillan: Astronomy Today, 9th ed., (Pearson Addison-Wesley, 2017)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS2055	**Introductory relativity (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---

Course Co-ordinator	Dr K M Lee, Physics *(kmlee1@hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	(Dr K M Lee,Physics)
Course Objectives	This course aims at introducing students the essence of special relativity. It is designed as an elective for students in all disciplines and all years with science background. It is also a discipline elective for the physics major/minor and astronomy minor. Completion of this course is one of the pre-requisites for PHYS4653 and PHYS4654.
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: "Common-sense" concepts of space and time versus Einstein's conceptions of space and time, Examples of time dilation and space contraction, Paradoxes of relativity including the famous twin paradox and the "pole-in-the-barn", Four vectors and Lorentz invariant, Some discussion on general relativity.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 recall the setup and significance of Michelson-Morley experiment CLO 2 state the basic postulates and the spacetime concept of special relativity CLO 3 explain time dilation and length contraction CLO 4 describe Lorentz transformation and its applications CLO 5 state the resolution of the twin and pole-in-the-barn paradoxes
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1300
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments		20	CLO 2, 4
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Robert Resnick and David Halliday: Basic Concepts in Relativity and Early Quantum Theory (MacMillan Pub., 1992, 2nd revised edition) Edwin F. Taylor and John A. Wheeler: Spacetime Physics: Introduction to Special Relativity (W. H. Freeman, 1992, 2nd edition) David Morin, Special Relativity: For the Enthusiastic Beginner, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS2150	**Methods in physics I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr F K Chow, Physics *(judychow@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F K Chow,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is one of the second level courses in our series of courses that introduces problem solving, mathematical and computational skill sets that are commonly used in the study of university-level physics. Instead of the cookbook approach, we focus on training students how to think and work as physicists through tackling simple physics problems by both analytical and numerical means. After completion, interested students may take the other second level courses in this series PHYS2155 and/or PHYS2160 or the third level course in this series PHYS3150.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course introduces the principles and theories of various mathematical methods and skills that are essential for studying university physics. Topics include: ordinary differential equations, partial differential equations, three-dimensional coordinate geometry, partial differentiation, multiple integration, vector functions and motion in space, and vector analysis. Applications to physical systems and various practical problems solving skills are discussed. Further MATLAB commands and basic MATLAB programming will be introduced and used in this course.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 review the theory and principles of mathematical methods and compare the features of various methods CLO 2 describe the connections between mathematical equations and physical problems CLO 3 state and set up mathematical equations to describe the dynamics and evolution of physics systems CLO 4 demonstrate knowledge of choosing correct solution of mathematical equations CLO 5 solve various problems and operate the calculations with computer CLO 6 interpret and judge the physical meaning of result after calculations		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or MATH1851 or PHYS1150; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3401, or already enrolled in this course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 2, 3, 4
	Test		30	CLO 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Susan J. Colley and Santiago Cañez: Vector Calculus (Pearson, 2021, 5th edition) Allen B. Downey: Physical Modeling in MATLAB (Createspace Independent Pub, 2009) Joel Hass, Chris Heil, Przemyslaw Bogacki, Maurice D. Weir, and George B. Thomas Jr.: University Calculus: Early Transcendentals (Pearson, 2019, 4th edition) K. F. Riley, M. P. Hobson, and S. J. Bence: Mathematical Methods for Physics and Engineering: A Comprehensive Guide (Cambridge University Press, 2006, 3rd edition) Murray R. Spiegel: Schaum's Outline of Advanced Mathematics for Engineers and Scientists (McGraw-Hill Education, 2009)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS2155	**Methods in physics II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y J Tu, Physics *(yanjuntu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y J Tu,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is one of the second level courses in our series of courses that introduces problem solving, mathematical and computational skill sets that are commonly used in the study of university-level physics. Instead of the cookbook approach, we focus on training students how to think and work as physicists through tackling simple physics problems by both analytical and numerical means. After completion, interested students may take the other second level courses in this series PHYS2150 and/or PHYS2160 or the third level course in this series PHYS3150.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course introduces the principles and theories of various mathematical methods and skills that are essential for studying university physics. Topics include: matrices and vector spaces, systems of linear algebraic equations and systems of linear differential equations, Line integrals, surface integrals and volume integrals, Fourier analysis, and further numerical computation techniques in physics. Applications to physical systems and various practical problems solving skills are discussed. Further MATLAB programming will be introduced and used in this course.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	review the theory and principles of mathematical methods and compare the features of various methods	
	CLO 2	describe the connections between mathematical equations and physical problems	
	CLO 3	state and set up mathematical equations to describe the dynamics and evolution of physics systems	
	CLO 4	demonstrate knowledge of choosing correct solution of mathematical equations	
	CLO 5	solve various problems and operate the calculations with computer	
	CLO 6	interpret and judge the physical meaning of result after calculations	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or MATH1851 or PHYS1150; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3401, or already enrolled in this course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 2, 3, 4
	Test		30	CLO 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Susan J. Colley: Vector Calculus (Pearson, 2011, 4th edition) Allen B. Downey: Physical Modeling in MATLAB (Green Tea Press, 2008) Stephen W. Goode and Scott A. Annin: Differential Equations and Linear Algebra (Pearson, 2015, 4th edition) Joel Hass, Maurice D. Weir, and George B. Thomas Jr.: University Calculus: Early Transcendentals (Pearson, 2016, 3rd edition) David Poole: Linear Algebra: A Modern Introduction (Cengage Learning, 2015, 4th edition) K. F. Riley, M. P. Hobson, and S. J. Bence: Mathematical Methods for Physics and Engineering: A Comprehensive Guide (Cambridge University Press, 2006, 3rd edition) Murray R. Spiegel: Schaum's Outline of Advanced Mathematics for Engineers and Scientists (McGraw-Hill Education, 2009)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS2160	**Introductory computational physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	30
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Physics *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is one of the second level courses in our series of courses that introduces problem solving, mathematical and computational skill sets that are commonly used in the study of university-level physics. This course introduces computational tools, techniques, and methods in physics and related fields using the Python programming language. Students are expected to spend a substantial amount of time in writing computer programs to solve physical problems. After completion, interested students may take the sequel courses PHYS3151, PHYS4150 or PHYS4151 to further their studies in computational physics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: basics of computer programming; Python programming for physicists; introduction to object-oriented programming in Python; scientific programming with Matplotlib, NumPy, and SciPy; simple error analysis in scientific programming; solution of non-linear equations with application in quantum physics; Calculus and numerical methods with relevant examples in physics; numerical solution of ordinary differential equations with application to pendulum motion.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge in basic computational techniques and methods in physics CLO 2 apply Python programming language and relevant packages to solve simple physical problems CLO 3 employ appropriate numerical methods for solving ordinary differential equations that commonly arise in physics CLO 4 review the numerical methods for simulation of various physical systems		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1013 or MATH1821 or MATH1851 or PHYS1150		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			27
	Laboratory			18
	Project work			12
	Tutorials			3
	Reading / Self study			64
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2
	Project report		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Christian Hills: Learning Scientific Programming with Python (Cambridge University Press, 2016) Andi Klein and Alexander Godunov: Introductory computational physics (Cambridge University Press, 2010) Mark Newman: Computational Physics (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012) Hans Petter Langtangen: A Primer on Scientific Programming with Python (Springer, 2016, 5th edition) Matt A. Wood: Python and Matplotlib Essentials for Scientists and Engineers (Morgan & Claypool, 2015)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS2250	**Introductory mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr F K Chow, Physics *(judychow@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F K Chow,Physics) (Prof Y Yang,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This calculus-based course covers the foundation of Newtonian mechanics in one semester. It is a core course for physics major, a discipline elective for physics minor, as well as an elective course for those who want to learn fundamental Newtonian mechanics concepts and to link them up with their studies in fields like engineering, chemistry and mathematics. Problem solving and analytical skills will be extensively used. They are supplemented by numerical skills occasionally. Upon completion, interested students may take PHYS3350 to continue their study in Lagrangian mechanics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Kinematics, Newton's Laws of Motion and Their Applications, Linear Momentum and its Conservation, Variable Mass Problems, System of Particles and Centre of Mass, Torque and Rotation, Moment of Inertia, Angular Momentum and its Conservation, Work, Energy and its Conservation, Gravitation, Simple Harmonic Motions, Damped and Driven Oscillations, Wave Equation, Energy in Wave Motion, Interference and the Principle of Superposition.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	describe and explain the fundamental physical principles	
	CLO 2	apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to situations of the physical world	
	CLO 3	analyse and solve problems with the aids of mathematics	
	CLO 4	acquire and interpret experimental data to examine the physical laws	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1300		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		6
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator D. Kleppner and Robert J. Kolenkow: An Introduction to Mechanics (Cambridge University Press, 2013, 2nd edition) P.A Tipler and G. Mosca: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Freeman, 2008, 6th edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS2255	**Introductory electricity and magnetism (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025

Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr J C S Pun, Physics *(jcspun@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr J C S Pun,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This calculus-based course covers the foundation of electricity and magnetism in one semester. It is a core course for physics major, a discipline elective for physics minor, as well as an elective course for those who want to learn fundamental electricity and magnetism concepts and to link them up with their studies in fields like engineering, chemistry and mathematics. Problem solving and analytical skills will be extensively used. They are supplemented by numerical skills occasionally. Upon completion, interested students may take PHYS3450 to further their study in electromagnetism.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: electric force and electric field; Gauss' law and electric conductors; electric potential energy and potential; capacitance and DC circuits; magnetic force; magnetic field and Ampere's law; Faraday's law of induction; Lenz's law; inductance and electromagnetic oscillators; Maxwell's equations; wave nature of light; diffraction and interference.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe and explain the fundamental physical principles		
	CLO 2 apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to situations of the physical world		
	CLO 3 analyse and solve problems with the aids of mathematics		
	CLO 4 acquire and interpret experimental data to examine the physical laws		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1310		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		6
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. A. Tipler and G. Mosca: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Freeman, 2008, 6th edition) R. D. Knight: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Pearson, 2008, 2nd edition) R. Resnick, D. Halliday, and K. Krane: Physics Volume 2 (John Wiley and Sons, 2002, 5th edition) R. Serway and J. W. Jewett: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Thomson, 2004, 5th edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS2260	**Heat and waves (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr M Su, Physics *(mengsu84@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr M Su,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers the foundation of heat and waves in one semester. It serves as a core course for students who are planning to take physics, astronomy, or mathematics/physics as major. It also serves students who intend to take physics as minor. Both conceptual ideas and mathematical treatment in heat and waves are emphasized.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: type of waves; Sinusoidal wave including transverse velocity and phase, Wave propagation through a stretched string as an example for transverse wave, Sound wave as an example for longitudinal wave, Wave equation, Energy in wave motion, The principle of superposition, Interference of waves, Standing waves and resonance, Beats, The Doppler Effect, Light wave as an electromagnetic wave, Reflection, Refraction, Double slit interference, Interference from thin films, Single slit diffraction, Multiple slit and grating, Polarization, Temperature and equilibrium, Ideal gas law, Molecular view of pressure, Mean free path, distributions of molecular speed and energy, Concept of heat, First law of thermodynamic, Work done on or by an ideal gas, Internal energy of an ideal gas, Molar heat capacities at constant volume and constant pressure, Different thermodynamic processes including adiabatic, isothermal, constant-volume, cyclical and free expansion, Reversibility of process, definition of entropy change, The second law of thermodynamic, Carnot engine, Statistical view of entropy.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:				
	CLO 1	describe and explain the fundamental physical principles			
	CLO 2	apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to situations of the physical world			
	CLO 3	analyse and solve problems with the aids of mathematics			
	CLO 4	acquire and interpret experimental data to examine the physical laws			
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1250				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N		**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.			
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.			
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.			
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.			
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.			
Communication-intensive Course	N				
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course				
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**			**No. of Hours**
	Lectures				36
	Laboratory				6
	Tutorials				8
	Reading / Self study				80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**		**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50		CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		25		CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		10		CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		15		CLO 1, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	P. A. Tipler and G. Mosca: Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Freeman, 2008, 6th edition) R. Resnick, D. Halliday, and K. Krane: Physics Volume 1 (John Wiley and Sons, 2002, 5th edition) R. Resnick, D. Halliday, and K. Krane: Physics Volume 2 (John Wiley and Sons, 2002, 5th edition)				

PHYS2261	**Introductory heat and thermodynamics (6 credits)**			**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics			**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M H Xie, Physics *(mhxie@hku.hk)*				
Teachers Involved	(Prof M H Xie,Physics)				
Course Objectives	This calculus-based course covers the basics of thermodynamics and kinetic theory in one semester. It is a core course for physics major, a discipline elective for physics minor, as well as an elective course for those who wish to learn the basic thermodynamics concepts and to link them up with their studies in fields like engineering, chemistry and mathematics. Problem solving and analytical skills will be extensively used. They are supplemented by numerical skills occasionally. Upon completion, interested students may take PHYS3550 to further their study in thermodynamics and statistical mechanics.				
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: thermodynamic system, equilibrium state and its characterization; thermodynamic state function and equation of state and state transformation; first law of thermodynamics, adiabatic process, Carnot cycle; entropy and second law of thermodynamics; various thermodynamic potentials and their applications in phase equilibrium and mixtures; third law of thermodynamics and Nernst theorem, a brief discussion of kinetic theory.				
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:				
	CLO 1	describe and explain the fundamental physical principles			
	CLO 2	apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to situations of the physical world			
	CLO 3	analyse and solve problems with the aids of mathematics			
	CLO 4	acquire and interpret experimental data to examine the physical laws			
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1350				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y	1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.			
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.			
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most			

		familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		6
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Stephen J. Blundell and Katherine M. Blundell, Concepts in Thermal Physics, Oxford University Press, 2010 Daniel V. Schroeder, An Introduction to Thermal Physics, Pearson 2014 Herbert B. Callen, Thermodynamics and an Introduction to Thermostatistics, John Willey & Sons, Inc. (1985)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS2265	**Introductory quantum physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof D K Ki, Physics *(dkki@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof D K Ki,Physics) (Prof Y X Zhao,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This calculus-based course covers the foundation of quantum physics in one semester. It is a core course for physics major, a discipline elective for physics minor, as well as an elective course for those who want to learn fundamental quantum physics and to link them up with their studies in fields like engineering, chemistry and mathematics. Problem solving and analytical skills will be extensively used. They are supplemented by numerical skills occasionally. Upon completion, interested students may take PHYS3351 to further their study in quantum mechanics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: the birth of modern physics; electromagnetic waves behaving as particles; matter behaving as waves; the Schrodinger equation; solutions of time-independent Schrodinger equation to bound and unbound systems; structure of the atom; the hydrogen atom; many-electron atoms.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 describe and explain the fundamental physical principles
	CLO 2 apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to situations of the physical world
	CLO 3 analyse and solve problems with the aids of mathematics
	CLO 4 acquire and interpret experimental data to examine the physical laws

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS1050 or PHYS1150 or PHYS1250 or ENGG1300				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y	1st sem	2nd sem	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination** Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		6
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		25	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		15	CLO 1, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Robert Eisberg and Robert Resnick: Quantum Physics of Atoms, Molecules, Solids, Nuclei, and Particles (John Wiley & Sons, 1985) Randy Harris: Modern Physics (Pearson, 2014, 2nd edition) Kenneth S. Krane: Modern Physics (John Wiley & Sons, 2019, 4th edition) Raymond A. Serway, Clement J. Moses, and Curt A. Moyer: Modern Physics (Cengage Learning, 2005, 3rd edition) Paul A. Tipler and Gene Mosca: Physics for Scientists and Engineers Extended Version (W. H. Freeman and Company, 2008, 6th edition)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS2650	**Modern astronomy (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B Zhang, Physics *(bzhang1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof B Zhang,Physics)		

Course Objectives

This is an intermediate astronomy course for students in all disciplines and all years, it also is the second course in our series of two compulsory courses to introduce basic astronomy knowledge, methods, and recent advances for astronomy minors. This course takes you from the beginnings to the forefronts of contemporary astronomical research - a journey from the Solar System to the Big Bang - with an emphasis on the most important methodologies and discoveries in astronomy. Advanced physical concepts are explained with a minimum of mathematics: you will only be required to know and manipulate simple algebra. This primary aim of this course is to take students to the cutting-edge of contemporary astronomy. After completing this course, interested students may take PHYS3650, PHYS3653 and/or PHYS3660, which are core or discipline elective courses for astronomy minor and astrophysics theme of physics major.

Course Contents & Topics

Scale of the Solar and Exo-planetary Systems, Astrometry and Scale of the Galaxy, Scale of the Universe, Stellar Evolution, The Evolution and Distribution of Galaxies, Expansion and Accelerated Expansion of the Universe, Hubble Parameter, Dark Matter and Dark Energy, Cosmology

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	explain the principles and applications of telescopes, modern measurement systems, and techniques for determining the distances to celestial objects within and beyond the Solar System
CLO 2	describe the structure, composition, and life cycles of stars
CLO 3	discuss the structure and components of the Milky Way, the discovery and properties of other galaxies, and the evolution of galaxies from the early universe to the present day
CLO 4	describe the importance of precise measurements of the Hubble parameter
CLO 5	explain why Dark Matter and Dark Energy is required to explain astronomical observations

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Pass in PHYS1650

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator OpenStax/Astronomy B. W. Carroll & D. A. Ostlie: An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics (Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 2007, 2nd edition)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS2850	Atomic and nuclear physics (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Physics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr S Z Zhang, Physics *(shizhong@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of atomic physics and rudimentary nuclear physics. It aims to provide a coherent and concise coverage of traditional atomic and nuclear physics. Important topics of current research interest will be also discussed, such as laser cooling and trapping which plays an important role in the realization of Bose-Einstein condensate in atomic vapors.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Atomic structure of hydrogen and hydrogen-like atom, multi-electron atom, atom in electromagnetic field, spectroscopy, laser trapping and cooling; nuclear structure, shell model and nuclear reactions. Applications of the basic principles of atomic and nuclear physics will be mentioned when appropriate.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 apply general considerations of quantum physics to atomic and nuclear system; make general orders of magnitude of estimation of physical effects		
	CLO 2 explain how light interacting with atom; the working principle of laser trapping and cooling		
	CLO 3 recognize the general features of atomic/nuclear spectroscopy		
	CLO 4 apply quantum physics to understand the basic features of simple nuclei, binding of deuteron et al		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2265		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	Examination	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		18
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator W. Demtroder, Atoms, molecules and photons (Springer, 2nd, 2011) K. Krane, Introductory nuclear physics (John Wiley & Sons, 1988) B. H. Bransden and C. J. Joachain: Physics of Atoms and Molecules (Pearson, 2nd, 2003)
Course Website	http://www.physics.hku.hk/~phys2628/

PHYS3150	Theoretical physics (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Physics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S Z Zhang, Physics *(shizhong@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Z Wu,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is the third level course in our series of courses that introduces problem solving, mathematical and computational skill sets that are commonly used in the study of university-level physics. We focus on the analytical and algebraic techniques in solving physics problems. It is one of the core electives for physics major and an elective course for the computational physics and theoretical physics themes. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in mathematical and theoretical physics.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will introduce and address the following topics: (i) Functions of a complex variable and their applications (Cauchy's integral formula, Laurent expansion, calculus of residues, etc.); (ii) Advanced methods in solving and classifying differential equations commonly appears in physics (such as series solution, second solution, and singular points); (iii) Properties of special functions widely used in Physics (Gamma functions, Beta functions, Bessel functions, etc.), (iv) Integral transforms (Fourier transforms and Laplace transforms); (v) The use of Mathematica/Matlab in solving simple analytical problems appearing in topics (i)-(iv).		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 analyse and examine the analytical properties of complex functions		
	CLO 2 calculate various definite integrals using the method of residues		
	CLO 3 analyse and solve the first and second order ordinary equations, and typical partial differential equations		

	CLO 4	apply the special functions in handling various physical problems
	CLO 5	use the Fourier series and Fourier transform in analysing periodic functions and waves, and understand the basics of Laplace transforms
	CLO 6	use Mathematica to solve simple analytical problems in physics

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2211 or PHYS2150 or PHYS2155			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator G.B. Arfken, H.J. Weber, and F.E. Harris, Mathematical Methods for Physicists, 7th ed. (Academic Press, 2013)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3151	**Machine learning in physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z Y Meng, Physics *(zymeng@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z Y Meng,Physics)		
Course Objectives	Machine learning is a technique that enables computers to learn without being explicitly "programmed". It is an essential part of big data science and has been widely used in different fields of physics. This course introduces the basics of machine learning, from key concepts to practical algorithms, with a focus on real-world applications in physics. It is an elective course for the computational physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to apply machine learning techniques in their postgraduate studies such as condensed matter physics and astrophysics or in their future work.		
Course Contents & Topics	Machine learning software packages in Python, Supervised and Unsupervised learning, Regression, Classification, Principal component analysis, Singular value decomposition, Support vector machines, Clustering, K-Nearest Neighbors, Neural Networks, Deep Learning, Application of machine learning in physics research with examples drawing from fields such as condensed matter physics, quantum material, astrophysics, particle physics and complex systems.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge in essential methods and techniques for machine learning and its application in physics
	CLO 2	apply the techniques of machine learning in data analysis
	CLO 3	use Python machine learning packages to solve simple problems
	CLO 4	use of effective written and verbal communication skills through oral presentation

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH2014 or MATH2101 or MATH2211 or PHYS2155 or PHYS2160. Working knowledge of Python is needed (please talk to the course instructor in case of doubt).		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply

		knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	Y			
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Laboratory			12
	Tutorials			8
	Reading / Self study			80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project report		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator E. Alpaydin, Introduction to Machine Learning, 3rd ed., MIT Press (2014) T. Hastie, R. Tibshirani, & J. Friedman, The Elements of Statistical Learning, 2nd ed., Springer (2016) S. Raschka, Python Machine Learning, 2nd ed., Packt Publishing (2017)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS3350	**Classical mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S Q Shen, Physics *(sshen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S Q Shen,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers Lagrangian mechanics in the advanced undergraduate level with rigorous mathematical treatment. It is one of the core electives for physics major and an elective course for the theoretical physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in physics or related disciplines. Problem solving and analytical skills will be extensively used. They are supplemented by numerical skills occasionally.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will be essentially divided into two parts. In the first part, fundamental concepts related to Lagrangian mechanics will be treated. Topics include the variational principle, conservation laws and its relation to Newtonian mechanics. In the second part, we shall discuss applications of the Lagrangian mechanics. Topics include the central force problem, the coupled harmonic oscillators and rigid-body dynamics. Lagrangian mechanics in non-inertial frame will also be discussed.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand the logical structure of Lagrangian mechanics and its advantage over the Newtonian formulation;	
	CLO 2	write down the form of Lagrangian for a mechanical system and solve the dynamic equations in simple cases	
	CLO 3	understand the connection between classical mechanics and other mechanics	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2150 and PHYS2250		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S. T. Thornton and J. B. Marion, Classical Dynamics (Thomson, 2004) David Morion, Classical mechanics (Cambridge, 2008)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3351	**Quantum mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr F K Chow, Physics *(judychow@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr F K Chow,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers the basics of quantum mechanics in the advanced undergraduate level with rigorous mathematical treatment. It is one of the core electives for physics major and an elective course for the theoretical physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in physics or related disciplines. Problem solving and analytical skills will be extensively used. They are supplemented by numerical skills occasionally. Upon completion, interested students may take the sequel course PHYS4351 to further their studies in quantum mechanics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Time-dependent Schrodinger equation; statistical interpretation of wave function; probability density; probability current and continuity equation; momentum; physical observable and expectation value; Heisenberg uncertainty principle; time-independent Schrodinger equation; Hamiltonian and stationary states; particle in a square well; transmission and reflection at a barrier; harmonic oscillator problem using ladder operators; free particle and wavepacket; delta function potential; Dirac notations; state vectors; Hilbert space; Hermitian operators; eigenstates and eigenvalues; generalized statistical interpretation; generalized uncertainty principle; angular momentum; hydrogen atom; atomic orbits; spin; non-degenerate perturbation theory.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe the statistical interpretation of quantum mechanical systems, and calculate expectation values and uncertainty of physical observables CLO 2 formulate energy eigenvalue problems, and solve them in examples where potentials have simple analytical forms CLO 3 formulate time evolution of the wavefunction and the expectation value of physical observables with known energy eigenfunctions CLO 4 judge the applicability of time-independent perturbation theory and formulate leading order energy corrections in certain perturbations applied to the physical system		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2150 and PHYS2265, knowledge of PHYS2155 will be advantageous		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Including computational assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator D. J. Griffiths: Introduction to Quantum Mechanics (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2018, 3rd edition) Richard L. Liboff: Introductory Quantum Mechanics (Addison-Wesley, 2002, 4th edition) Stephen Gasiorowicz: Quantum Physics (John Wiley & Sons, 2003, 3rd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3450	**Electromagnetism (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X D Cui, Physics *(xdcui@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X D Cui,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers the basics of electromagnetism at the advanced undergraduate level with vigorous mathematical treatment. It is one of the core electives for physics major and an elective course for the theoretical physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in physics or related disciplines. Problem solving and analytical skills will be extensively used. They are supplemented by		

	numerical skills occasionally. Upon completion, interested students may take the sequel course PHYS4450 to further their studies in electromagnetism.
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include introduction to vectors, electric fields and potential, methods in electrostatics, conductors and dielectrics, magnetostatics and electromagnetic induction, magnetic properties of materials and Maxwell's equations.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	identify the fundamental physics in electrostatics and magnetism
CLO 2	apply mathematical tools to describe electrostatics and magnetism
CLO 3	use the Maxwell's equations to explain various electrostatic and magnetic phenomena
CLO 4	differentiate between electrostatics in vacuum and in dielectric materials
CLO 5	differentiate between magnetism in vacuum and in magnetic materials

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2150 and PHYS2255, knowledge of PHYS2155 will be advantageous		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator D. J. Griffiths: Introduction to Electrodynamics, 3rd ed., (Prentice-Hall, 1999).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3550	**Statistical mechanics & thermodynamics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C J Wang, Physics *(cjwang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C J Wang,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers statistical mechanics in the advanced undergraduate level with rigorous mathematical treatment. It is one of the core electives for physics major and an elective course for the theoretical physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in physics or related disciplines. Problem solving and analytical skills will be extensively used. They are supplemented by numerical skills occasionally. Upon completion, interested and able students may take PHYS7550 to study graduate level statistical mechanics.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course includes the following topics: statistical description of macroscopic systems in terms of its microscopic constituents; canonical distribution and its applications in simple systems; classical and quantum statistical mechanics: Bose and Fermi distributions; Bose and Fermi gas; condensation; photon gas and Planck radiation law; theory of Brownian motion; theory of fluctuation, first order and continuous phase transition.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	understand the logical structure of statistical mechanics
CLO 2	apply Gibbs-Boltzmann distribution and partition function in various simple situations
CLO 3	understand the Bose and Fermi distributions and apply them in correct situations
CLO 4	describe the classification of phase transitions and understand the use of mean field theory in second order phase transition

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2150 and (PHYS2260 or PHYS2261)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Including computational assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Stephen J. Blundell and Katherine M. Blundell, Concepts in Thermal Physics, Oxford University Press, 2010 Herbert B. Callen, Thermodynamics and an Introduction to Thermostatistics, John Willey & Sons, Inc. (1985)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3551	**Introductory solid state physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Gao, Physics *(jugao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives	To provides a broad introduction to modern theories of the behaviour and properties of the solid state of matter. It is designed as a self-contained course which at the same time will serve as a basis for more advanced courses and projects in solid state physics.
Course Contents & Topics	Crystal structures and symmetry. The formation of crystals. The reciprocal lattice and X-ray diffraction in crystals. Lattice vibrations and thermal properties. Free-electron theory of metals. Energy bands; metals, semiconductors, and insulators. If time permits, special topics such as superconductor will be briefly mentioned.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge for crystal structures and characterization
CLO 2	describe the behavior of solid matter and explain the underlying physical concepts
CLO 3	apply physical principles and mathematical equations to discuss the physical properties of materials
CLO 4	apply essential skills of making measurements with appropriate instruments in physics experiments
CLO 5	interpret the experimental data and compare with the prediction of underlying physical principle

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2260 and PHYS2265		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		6
	Tutorials		8
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	C. Kittel: Introduction to Solid State Physics (John Wiley, 1986, 6th ed.)

PHYS3650	**Observational astronomy (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J J L Lim, Physics *(jjlim@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J J L Lim,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course introduced tools of contemporary observational astronomy, with a focus on those used at optical wavelengths. Practical applications of these tools in both amateur astronomy as well as astronomical research will be described. It is a core course for astronomy minor and an elective course for the astrophysics theme.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: properties and workings of optical telescopes and astronomical detectors (e.g., CCDs); properties of light, effects of Earth's atmosphere and interstellar medium on astronomical observations; astronomical imaging and magnitude system; astronomical photometry and spectroscopy; observations of stars and galaxies including blackbody radiation, color-magnitude system, emission and absorption spectrum, and astronomical redshifts.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe and explain the workings of astronomical telescopes and detectors at optical wavelengths		
	CLO 2 describe how the inherent properties of light, the Earth's atmosphere, and the interstellar medium affect astronomical observations		
	CLO 3 explain how astronomical photometry and spectroscopy are conducted		
	CLO 4 perform computations to demonstrate competence on and understanding of the concepts learnt		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2255 or PHYS2650		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	8 chapters	36
	Laboratory		4
	Tutorials	7 sessions	12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		5	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports		10	CLO 1

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To Measure the Sky by Frederick R. Chromey An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics by Bradley Carroll & Dale A. Ostlie
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3651	**The physical universe (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K M Lee, Physics *(kmlee@lily.physics.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K M Lee,Physics)		
Course Objectives	To introduce basic physical principles of astronomy and build a foundation in modern astrophysics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: the sky and celestial coordinates, spherical geometry, optics and telescopes, basic celestial mechanics, two-body problem, radiative transfer, and blackbody radiation.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 calculate the transformation between different celestial coordinate systems		
	CLO 2 describe the formation of spectral lines and basic structures of telescopes		
	CLO 3 derive the orbits in two body problem from first principle		
	CLO 4 recall the radiative transfer equation		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in PHYS1650 and (PHYS2250 or PHYS2265)		

and Impermissible combinations)	
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Bradley W. Carroll and Dale A. Ostlie, An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics, 2nd ed. (Pearson, 2007) George B. Rybicki and Alan P. Lightman, Radiative Processes in Astrophysics (Wiley-Interscience, 1985) Frank H. Shu, The Physical Universe: An Introduction to Astronomy (University Science Books, 1982) A. C. Phillips, The Physics of Stars (John Wiley & Sons, 1999) F. Mandl, Statistical Physics, 2nd ed. (John Wiley & Sons, 1988)
Course Website	http://www.physics.hku.hk/~phys3651/

PHYS3652	**Principles of astronomy (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr L X Dai, Physics *(lixindai@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr L X Dai,Physics)		
Course Objectives	To introduce or review a number of basic physical principles, and explain how these principles are applied in astronomy to gain knowledge of the Universe.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: special relativity, Doppler effect; interaction of light and matter, spectral lines; single-dish telescopes and interferometers; binary stars and stellar parameters, exoplanets; classification of stellar spectra.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe and explain the physical principles discussed
CLO 2	associate the correct physical principles with the observed properties of certain astronomical objects
CLO 3	apply their understanding of the physical principle discussed to explain or compute the observed properties of select astronomical objects

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS1650 and (PHYS2250 or PHYS2265)
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery of the knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities, clear logical thinking, evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar, and unfamiliar situations using highly effective organizational and presentation skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of the knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, reasoned logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities, logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3

	Test		15	CLO 2, 3
	Assignments		35	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator B. W. Carroll & D. A. Ostlie: An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics (Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 2007, 2nd edition)			

PHYS3653	**Astrophysics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L X Dai, Physics *(lixindai@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof L X Dai,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course is a beginner course in astrophysics - we will introduce the most basic and direct connection between astronomy and physics, which will help you gain a better understanding of various astronomical objects and phenomena from first principles. This course will also aim to develop skills in approaching problems in astrophysics, which will set the stage for taking more advanced astrophysics courses and conducting scientific research. It is one of the core electives for astronomy minor and an elective course for the astrophysics theme. Upon completion, interested student may take PHYS4653 and PHYS4656 to further their studies in theoretical astrophysics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: gravity, binary systems, N-body problem; hydrostatic equilibrium; radiative processes (blackbody radiation, emission, absorption, opacity); atomic structure and spectral lines; order-of-the-magnitude calculations in astrophysics and other selected topics		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe the fundamental physics underlying a wide range of astronomical phenomena CLO 2 apply the physical formulae learnt through the course to study astrophysical problems and perform calculations CLO 3 develop skills to simplify, analyze and solve problems in astrophysics		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2250 or PHYS2265 or PHYS2650		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics, by Bradley Carroll & Dale A. Ostlie			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS3660	**Astronomy laboratory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	9
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S C Y Ng, Physics *(ncy@astro.physics.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S C Y Ng,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course trains students with basics of extracting scientific information with astronomical observations. The focus is on practical experience in operating telescopes, data acquisition and reduction, and interpretation of the results rather than verification of known astronomical theories. It is one of the core electives for astronomy minor and an elective course for the astrophysics and experimental physics themes. Upon completion, interested students may apply the techniques learnt here in observational astronomy related capstone courses.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will cover the following topics: basics working principles of optical telescopes and CCDs; setting up and hands-on operations of small optical telescopes; error analysis and basic statistics related to the astronomy laboratories; introduction to the magnitude system and celestial coordinates, the color magnitude diagram; observations and data reduction techniques in multi-wavelength astronomy; introduction to data analysis software packages.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 acquire astronomy observation techniques CLO 2 conduct observations to verify the physical principle(s) in astronomy		

	CLO 3	apply analytical methods required to interpret and analyze results, and draw conclusions from the data
	CLO 4	use of effective written and verbal communication skills through written laboratory reports and oral presentation

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (PHYS2265 or PHYS2650); and Pass in PHYS3650, or already enrolled in this course.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.		
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.		
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.		
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.		
Communication-intensive Course	Y			
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course			

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	Working principle of telescopes, error analysis, data analysis skills	8
	Laboratory	Conduct astronomy observational and data analysis laboratories	28
	Project work	Presentation and preparation	20
	Reading / Self study		64

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	1 in-class test	20	CLO 1, 3, 4
	Laboratory reports	About 10 reports	65	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation	1 oral presentation	15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator L. M. Golden, Laboratory Experiments in Physics for Modern Astronomy, Springer-Verlag (2013) R. Buchheim, The Sky is Your Laboratory: Advanced Astronomy Projects for Amateurs, Praxis (2007)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Students interested in taking this course are required to email the course instructor before end of July.

PHYS3750	**Foundations of laser and spectroscopy (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T T Luu, Physics *(ttluu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T T Luu,Physics)		
Course Objectives	The course covers major types of lasers and laser spectroscopy in the advanced undergraduate level. It is an elective course for the experimental physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies or work in areas closely related to laser and its applications such as physics, chemistry, and engineering.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to lasers and laser spectroscopy techniques. Fundamentals of optical processes and spectroscopic techniques. Lasers as spectroscopic light sources. Components of spectroscopic instruments. Raman spectroscopy. Nonlinear spectroscopy. Nonlinear Optics. Time-resolved spectroscopy. Photoelectron spectroscopy. New developments in laser spectroscopy.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	restate the properties of fundamental optical processes	
	CLO 2	describe fundamental operation principle of lasers	
	CLO 3	identify main components of optical spectroscopic instruments	
	CLO 4	comprehend/formulate a broad overview of spectroscopic techniques	
	CLO 5	perform one typical experiment and data analysis, provide physical reasoning that leads to dependence of observed results on input parameters	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2255 and PHYS2265		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Laboratory		10
Tutorials		8
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		15	CLO 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture Notes prepared by Course Coordinator Wolfgang Demtroeder: Laser Spectroscopy V1, 2, 5th Edition, Springer, (2014)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3751	**Physics of nanomaterials (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Physics *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed to let senior undergraduate students and fresh postgraduate students know fundamental concepts and physical properties of nanomaterials including two-dimensional quantum wells, one-dimensional quantum wires and zero-dimensional quantum dots.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to nanomaterials and quantum size effect. Dimensionalities and density of states of various nanomaterials. Optical and transport properties of quantum wells, superlattices and two-dimensional electron gas. Physical properties of carbon nanotubes and semiconductor nanowires. Physical properties of quantum dots and nanocrystals. Fundamental principles of scanning tunneling microscopy and advanced thin-film growth techniques such as molecular beam epitaxy and metalorganic chemical vapor deposition.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	recall basic concepts and knowledge of dimensionality, density of states, quantum size effect
CLO 2	identify and compare optical and transport properties of quantum wells, superlattices and two-dimensional electron gas
CLO 3	recognise the fundamental principles of scanning tunneling microscopy and advanced thin-film growth techniques such as molecular beam epitaxy and metalorganic chemical vapor deposition
CLO 4	describe the basic physics of carbon nanotubes and semiconductor nanowires
CLO 5	explain physical properties of zero-dimensional quantum dots and nanocrystals

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3351; and Pass in PHYS3551, or already enrolled in this course.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of the knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, reasoned logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations using effective organizational and presentation skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective observation skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems using limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

Required/recommended reading and	TBC

online materials	

PHYS3760	**Physics laboratory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	16
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T T Luu, Physics *(ttluu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T T Luu,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course trains students with experimental knowledge and skills, as well as the understanding on how to prove physics principles with measurements. The focus is on advanced lab skills and techniques, including data acquisition, and data analysis by computers rather than verification of known physical theories. It is one of the core electives for physics major and a required course for the experimental physics theme. Upon completion, interested students may apply the techniques learnt here in experiment-oriented capstone courses.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course equips students with the necessary experimental techniques commonly used in advanced university level physics experiments drawn from classical mechanics, electromagnetism, statistical mechanics and thermodynamics, and quantum mechanics. After introducing the basics in a few lectures, students have to work all the way from experimental setup, data acquisition to data analysis, possibly with the aid of a computer, either in a small group or an individual. In addition to eight labs, they also have to conduct a small experimental project and present their result orally. Contents of the experiments and small projects may vary from year to year.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	acquire advanced physics experimental techniques
CLO 2	design and conduct experiments to verify the physics principle(s) commonly used in advanced university-level physics courses
CLO 3	apply analytical methods required to interpret and analyze results, and draw conclusions from the data
CLO 4	make use of effective written and verbal communication skills through written laboratory reports and oral presentation

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in any two of the following courses: PHYS3350, PHYS3351, PHYS3450, PHYS3550		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	Working principle of equipment, Experimental Skills, Data analysis, Writing skills	8
Laboratory	8 standard labs and 1 project	28
Project work	Presentation and preparation	20
Reading / Self study		64

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Laboratory reports	8 lab reports	70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Project report	1 full project report	15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation	1 oral presentation	15	CLO 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lab manuals provided by Course Coordinator L. Lyons, A Practical Guide to Data Analysis for Physical Science Students, CUP (1991) P. Horowitz and W. Hill, The Art of Electronics, CUP (1989) Python tutorial at https://www.python.org/about/gettingstarted/
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3850	**Physical Optics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y Yang, Physics *(yiyg@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y Yang,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers the development of modern physical optics, with particular attention to the physical properties and applications of light in the advanced undergraduate level. It is an elective course for the experimental physics theme.		
Course Contents & Topics	Wave theory of electromagnetic radiations and light; Review of geometric optics; The propagation and superposition of light waves; Interference, Diffraction and Coherence of light; Fourier optics; Some topics of modern optics.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain and calculate the fundamental properties including propagation, reflection, refraction, polarization, interference and diffraction of light waves by using the theory of waves CLO 2 apply the theory of optics to design optical arrangements for measuring optical properties of materials, such as refractive index CLO 3 apply essential theories to design various optical components or devices, such as anti-reflection and reflection-enhancement films
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2250 and PHYS2255
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of the knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, reasoned logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective observation skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures	12 chapters	36
	Laboratory	Completing the relevant laboratory experiment and submitting reports	6
	Tutorials	Tutorials about the key points and question solving skills	8
	Reading / Self study	Reading and reviewing lecture notes and developing problem-solving skills	80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test	Mid-term test	25	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	4 assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports	Two experiments	15	CLO 1

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture Notes prepared by Course Coordinator E. Hecht: Optics (Addison-Wesley, 2017, 5th edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3851	**Atomic and nuclear physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J H C Lee, Physics *(jleehc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof J H C Lee,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers the fundamentals of atomic physics and nuclear physics and their applications in astrophysics and atomic and nuclear science in the advanced undergraduate level. Experimental topics will also be included, such as detection methods and principles of experiments with hand-on experience. It is an elective course for the experimental physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies or work in atomic and nuclear physics and related disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	Properties of atoms and nuclei; nuclear composition; liquid drop model; shell model in atoms and nuclei; particle & gamma decay; nuclear reactions; radiation detectors; nuclear astrophysics; frontier research and applications in atomic and nuclear science.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe and explain the basic features of atoms and nuclei CLO 2 apply general considerations of quantum mechanics to atomic and nuclear system CLO 3 make general orders of magnitude in estimation of physical effects in atoms and nuclei CLO 4 describe nuclear decay processes and nuclear reactions in nucleosynthesis CLO 5 apply basic experimental skill for radiation detection		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2265		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.		

	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Laboratory		9
Tutorials		8
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	2-hour written exam	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes from the Course Coordinator Richard A. Dunlap: An Introduction to The Physics of Nuclei and Particles (Brooks/Cole, 2003) B. H. Bransden and C. J. Joachain: Physics of Atoms and Molecules (Pearson, 2nd, 2003) T.A. Littlefield & N. Thorley: Atomic and Nuclear Physics (Van Nostrand Reinhold Co. Ltd, 3rd, 1979) K. Krane: Introductory nuclear physics (John Wiley & Sons, 1988)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS3999	**Directed studies in physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof F C C Ling, Physics *(ccling@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the department,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This capstone course is offered to students majoring in physics, physics (intensive), math/physics or astronomy. It should be taken normally in their final year of study. Students investigate a small problem, either theoretical, experimental or numerical, under the supervision of an academic staff using the subject materials they have learn in all years of their major studies. The available projects range from small scale research, critical literature review and comment, and to development of university-level physics teaching tools. Passing a pre-approved directed studies is recognized as having completed an elective in one of the four themes.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students interested in taking this course should contact their prospective supervisors in May to determine the contents and the nature of their projects in the coming academic year. They must get the approval from both the prospective supervisor and the course coordinator to take this course. Students will receive training in research literature reading and reviewing, under the supervision of a staff member. For theoretical project, students may need to fill in mathematical gaps of some sophisticated derivations and critically analyze the research methods used in the field. For numerical projects, students need to use computers to reproduce existing numerical or simulation results. For experimental projects, students have to understand the design of the experiment, carrying it out and analyze the sources of errors.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	review the knowledge of a physics or astronomy problem in depth through literature review of books and research journals based on what they have learnt in their majors
CLO 2	criticize existing approaches for solving the selected physics or astronomy problem
CLO 3	describe and explain connections between the physical principles and the study problem
CLO 4	(for theoretical or computational projects) identify the key issues of the problem and solve them independently either by analytical or numerical means, and compare the results with predictions or existing solutions
CLO 5	(for experimental projects) propose and execute physics experiments or astronomical observations, analyze results and sources of errors of the experiment or observation in comparison with predictions
CLO 6	(for projects involving team work) collaborate and communicate effectively in the team, which may comprise of people of different culture, gender and nationality

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (3XXX level or above) disciplinary core/elective courses of the Physics Major, Physics (Intensive) Major, Mathematics/Physics Major or Astronomy Major curriculum. This capstone course is for Astronomy, Mathematics/Physics, Physics, and Physics (Intensive) Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show evidence of strong logical and independent thinking. Insightful use and critical analysis/evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Work of A+ should show considerable additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.
B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Show evidence of logical and independent thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.

	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Show some evidence of logical and independent thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Show limited evidence of logical and independent thinking. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Show little or no evidence of logical and independent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Meeting with supervisor		36
Reading / Self study		84

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Research report		70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Oral presentation	Including supervisor's comments (10%)	30	CLO 1, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be provided by individual project supervisor

PHYS4150	**Computational physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	24
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z Y Meng, Physics *(zymeng@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z Y Meng,Physics)		

Course Objectives

This course shows the power of computational approach to solving physics and related problems, which is complimentary to the traditional experimental and theoretical approaches. Students are expected to spend a significant fraction of time in actual programming. This is an elective course for the computational physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in fields like computational physics, condensed matter physics, chemistry and engineering or work in related areas.

Course Contents & Topics

Topics include: Introduction to computational physics; ordinary differential equation for classical physical problems; partial differential equation for classical and quantum problems; matrix method and exactly diagonalization for classical and quantum problems; Monte Carlo methods for statistical physics and quantum many-body physics; numerical methods for phase transitions and machine learning approaches to physics problems.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	demonstrate knowledge in essential methods and techniques for numerical computation in physics
CLO 2	apply matrix method and other simulation methods to solve deterministic as well as probabilistic classical and quantum physical problems
CLO 3	use appropriate numerical method to solve the differential equations governing the dynamics of physical systems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH3301 or MATH3401 or MATH3403 or MATH3405 or PHYS2160 or PHYS3151) and (PHYS3350 or PHYS3351 or PHYS3450 or PHYS3550)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Laboratory		12
Tutorials		8
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

	Examination	2-hour written exam	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project report		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation		20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator A. Klein and A. Godunov, Introductory Computational Physics (CUP, 2nd ed., 2010) T. Pang: An introduction to computational physics (CUP, 2nd ed., 2006) J. M. Thijssen: Computational Physics (CUP, 2nd ed., 2007) D. P. Landau and K. Binder: A guide to Monte Carlo simulations in statistical physics (CUP, 4th ed., 2014) E. Alpaydin: Introduction to machine learning (MIT Press, 2nd ed., 2009) M. Girolami and S. Rogers: A first course in machine learning (Taylor and Francis, 2nd ed., 2016)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4151	**Data analysis and modeling in physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof H F Chau, Physics *(hfchau@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof H F Chau,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers commonly used data analysis and computational modeling techniques in physics and related subjects with special emphasis on their uses in complex systems, nonlinear systems and adaptive systems. The focus is on the basic principles rather than blind usage of computer packages and apps although we do use packages in the course. This is an elective course for the computational physics and experimental physics themes. This is also an essential course for who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in computational physics and complex systems and work in related areas.		
Course Contents & Topics	Basic data analysis techniques such as linear and non-linear fittings, determination of the goodness of the fit, commonly used hypothesis testing techniques in physics; modeling physics and related systems via continuous, discrete and agent-based approaches; introduction to complex systems, complex adaptive systems and nonlinear dynamics; basic numerical integration and ordinary differential equation techniques including adaptive techniques; basic numerical eigenvalue and eigenvector techniques; the use of computer packages such as Matlab and Mathematica in modeling and data analysis although the emphasis is on the basic principles and concepts behind rather than features and usage of those packages; depending on mutual interests of the course coordinator and students, illustrative examples will be drawn from conventional fields such as classical mechanics, electromagnetism and quantum mechanics as well as more recent fields like biophysics, econophysics and sociophysics.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe and explain state-of-the-art modeling methods used in physics CLO 2 apply basic modeling techniques, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to study problems in the physical world CLO 3 analyze and solve problems with the aid of computer packages such as Matlab and Mathematica CLO 4 critically interpret experimental data from physics experiments		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH3301 or MATH3401 or MATH3403 or MATH3405 or PHYS2160 or PHYS3150) and (PHYS3350 or PHYS3351 or PHYS3450 or PHYS3550)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective computer modeling skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of the knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, reasoned logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations using effective organizational and presentation skills. Apply effective computer modeling skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective computer modeling skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective computer modeling skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective computer modeling skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		12
	Tutorials		8
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 4
	Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project report		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation		20	CLO 1, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator J. R. Taylor: An Introduction to Error Analysis (Univ. Sci. Books, 2rd ed., 1996) B. Hahn and D. Valentine: Essential Matlab for Engineers and Scientists (Academic Press, 5th ed., 2013)

	L. Lam: Nonlinear Physics for Beginners (World Sci., 1998) N. Boccara: Modeling Complex Systems (Springer, 2nd ed., 2012) A.-L. Barabasi and H. E. Stanley: Fractal Concepts in Surface Growth (CUP, 1995) R. H. Landau, M. Jose Paez and C. C. Bordeianu: A Survey Of Computational Physics (Princeton Univ. Press, 2008) R. L. Burden, J. D. Faires and A. M. Burden: Numerical Analysis (Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning, 10th ed., 2015)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4350	**Advanced classical mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S Q Shen, Physics *(sshen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S Q Shen,Physics)		
Course Objectives	Build on the advanced undergraduate level course PHYS3350, this course further discusses concepts and mathematical techniques in classical mechanics through special topics and applications. It serves as an elective course to better prepare students for their postgraduate studies in physics or other related disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Hamiltonian principles, Lagrangian formulation of dynamics, nonlinear problems, many-body systems, variational principle, generalized coordinates, simple application of Lagrangian equation.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 explain the difference between Newtonian mechanics and analytical mechanics CLO 2 solve the mechanical problems using Lagrangian formalism CLO 3 discuss the connection between classical mechanics and quantum mechanics from Hamiltonian formalism CLO 4 apply the variational principle to real physical situations		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3350		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of the knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator H. Goldstein, C. Poole, and J. Safko, Classical Mechanics, (Pearson Education Inc, 2004)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4351	**Advanced quantum mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Yao Wang, Physics *(wangyao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr D W Zhai,Physics)		
Course Objectives	Build on the advanced undergraduate level course PHYS3351, this course further discusses concepts and mathematical techniques in quantum mechanics through special topics and applications. This is an elective course for the theoretical physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in physics or related disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	Identical particles; Pauli exclusion principle; fermion and bosons; WKB approximation; time-independent, non-degenerate and degenerate perturbation theory; time dependent perturbation theory; scattering, cross section, partial waves and Born approximation; variational method.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 review the perturbation theory and some other approximation methods on various quantum systems CLO 2 apply physics principles to describe the physical properties of various quantum systems CLO 3 demonstrate knowledge and discuss the underlying physical concepts associated with the selected quantum systems		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in (PHYS2155 or PHYS3150) and PHYS3351		

and Impermissible combinations)				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator D. J. Griffiths: Introduction to Quantum Mechanics (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2004, 2nd edition).			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS4450	**Advanced electromagnetism (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X D Cui, Physics *(xdcui@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof X D Cui,Physics)		
Course Objectives	Build on the advanced undergraduate level course PHYS3450, this course further discusses concepts and mathematical techniques in electromagnetism through special topics and applications. This is an elective course for the theoretical physics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in physics and related disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include Maxwell's Equations, Poynting theorem, wave equations, reflection and transmission of waves, wave guides, retarded potentials, gauge transformations, dipole radiation, special theory of relativity.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	review and discuss the fundamental physics in classical electrodynamics	
	CLO 2	apply Maxwell's equations to analyze complicated electrostatic and magnetic phenomena	
	CLO 3	evaluate how special relativity is incorporated in the study of electromagnetism	
	CLO 4	formulate and solve problems in electromagnetism using appropriate mathematical techniques	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (PHYS2155 or PHYS3150) and PHYS3450		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator D. J. Griffiths: Introduction to Electrodynamics, 3rd ed., (Prentice-Hall, 1999)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS4550	**Advanced statistical mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr Y J Tu, Physics *(yanjuntu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Y J Tu,Physics)		
Course Objectives	Build on the advanced undergraduate level course PHYS3550, this course further discusses concepts and mathematical techniques in statistical mechanics through special topics and applications. It serves as an elective course to better prepare students for their postgraduate studies in physics or other related disciplines.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Statistical ensembles for isolated and open systems. Equilibrium fluctuations. Order and disorder phase transition. Mean field and Landau theory. Classical ideal gas, quantum ideal gas. Quantum fluid.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe and explain the fundamental physical principles CLO 2 apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to situations of the physical world CLO 3 analyses and solve problems with the aids of mathematics		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3550		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator R. K. Pathria and Paul D. Beale: Statistical Mechanics, 3rd edition (Academic Press, 2011)			

PHYS4551	**Solid state physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Z D Zhang, Physics *(zhendong@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Z D Zhang,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers a broad introduction to modern theory of the solid state physics. Some selected advanced topics will also be discussed. This is an elective course for the theoretical and experimental physics themes. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in condensed matter, solid state physics and material science or to work in related industries.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Crystal structures and symmetry; the reciprocal lattice and X-ray diffraction; lattice vibration and thermal properties; free electron of metals; band structures and Bloch theory; nearly free electrons and tight binding approximations; semi-classical model of electron dynamics; Boltzmann equation; transport and optical properties of metals and semiconductors; interaction and collective excitations. If time permits, magnetism and superconductivity will also be covered.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge for crystal structures and characterization CLO 2 describe the behavior of solid matter and explain the underlying physical concepts CLO 3 apply physical principles and mathematical equations to discuss the physical properties of materials CLO 4 discuss the physics of metals, semiconductors, and superconductivity		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (PHYS2255 or PHYS2261) and PHYS3351		

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Supplementary lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator. C. Kittel: Introduction to solid state physics (John Wiley, 1996). N.W. Ashcroft and D.N. Mermin: Solid state physics (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1987).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4650	**Stellar physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr S C Y Ng, Physics *(ncy@astro.physics.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr S C Y Ng,Physics)		
Course Objectives	To introduce the basic theory of stellar structure and evolution. It follows a vigorous mathematical treatment that stresses on the underlying physical processes. Knowledge in quantum mechanics and statistical mechanics will be advantageous.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Definition of stars. The H-R diagram. Stellar structure equations. Polytropic model. Elementary stellar radiation processes. Simple stellar nuclear processes. Saha equation. Stability of stars. Zero-age main sequence stars and their evolution. The solar neutrino problem. Late stage evolution of stars. Supernova explosion. If time permits, special topics selected from below will be briefly mentioned: star formation, brown dwarfs and planets, AGB stars and planetary nebulae, binary stars and their evolution, Cepheid variables and theory of stellar pulsation, and introduction to helioseismology.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 describe what is stars and to classify different types of stars
	CLO 2 analytically calculate and solve problems related to the structure and evolution of stars including the use of stellar structure equations and Saha equations
	CLO 3 critically examine the physical processes occurring in stars and how these processes affect the evolution of stars
	CLO 4 assess selected research papers in the field of stellar astrophysics

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3351 and PHYS3651

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Essay		15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Prialnik, D.: An introduction to the theory of stellar structure and evolution, 2nd ed. (CUP, 2010) A. C. Phillips, The Physics of Stars (John Wiley & Sons, 1999) Bowers, R. & Deeming, T.: Astrophysics I. Stars (Jones and Bartlett, 1984) Francis, LeBlanc, An Introduction to Stellar Astrophysics (Wiley, 2010)			
Course Website	http://www.physics.hku.hk/~phys4650/			

PHYS4651	**Selected topics in astrophysics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K S Cheng, Physics *(hrspksc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof K S Cheng,Physics)		
Course Objectives	To introduce students some current topics in astrophysics. It may be taken as a self-contained course or as background to research work in astrophysics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Brief review of thermodynamical equilibrium, radiation mechanisms and general relativity. Physics of shock wave. Properties of Cosmic rays. Physics of compact stellar objects including black holes, white dwarfs, neutron stars and quark stars. Elements of cosmology: classical and relativistic dynamical theories, observational parameters.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apply physics principles to describe the physical properties of various astrophysical systems CLO 2 explain the observed phenomena of some selected astrophysical objects CLO 3 demonstrate knowledge and discuss the underlying physical concepts associated with the astrophysical systems and their dynamic interactive processes		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3351 or PHYS3450 or PHYS3550 or PHYS3651		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Laboratory		8
	Tutorials		8
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		8	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Laboratory reports		7	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator S. L. Shapiro and S. A. Teukolsky: Black Holes, White Dwarfs and Neutron Stars (John Wiley, 1983) B. W. Carroll & D. A. Ostlie: An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics (Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 2007, 2nd edition)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS4652	**Planetary science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M H Lee, Physics *(mhlee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M H Lee,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course provides students with a modern advanced-level understanding of the properties of our Solar System and planetary systems around other stars and of the physical, chemical, and geological processes that govern them. This is an elective course for the astrophysics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in planetary science.		
Course Contents & Topics	Terrestrial planets, giant planets, moons and minor bodies in our Solar System; planetary dynamics; energy transport; planetary atmospheres, surfaces, and interiors; planet formation; extrasolar planets.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe key aspects of our Solar System and extrasolar planetary systems acquired through observations and experiments CLO 2 explain essential elements of the processes governing the properties of planetary bodies CLO 3 apply physical principles to construct models for some basic aspects of the structure, formation and evolution of planetary bodies
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3651 or PHYS3653 or (PHYS3350 and PHYS3550)
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Essay		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator I. de Pater and J. J. Lissauer: Planetary Sciences (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2010, 2nd Ed.) D. A. Rothery, N. McBride and I. Gilmour: An Introduction to the Solar System (Cambridge University Press, 2011, 2nd Ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4653	**Selected topics in astrophysics and cosmology (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L X Dai, Physics *(lixindai@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof L X Dai,Physics)		
Course Objectives	The aim of the course is to offer an advanced introduction to cosmology as well as some current topics in astrophysics. It may be taken as a self-contained course or as background to research work in astrophysics or cosmology.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: 1) astrophysics: radiation mechanisms in astrophysics, review and applications of general relativity, physics of astrophysical black hole systems; 2) cosmology: the big bang and expansion of the universe, the metric of the universe, galaxy structure and formation; cosmic microwave background; 3) recent hot topics in astrophysics and cosmology research.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apply physics principles to describe the physical properties of various astrophysical systems and observational aspects of cosmology CLO 2 explain the observed phenomena of cosmology and some selected astrophysical objects CLO 3 demonstrate knowledge and discuss the underlying physical concepts associated with some astrophysical systems and the cosmological evolution of the universe		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3653 or (PHYS2055 and PHYS2650 and PHYS3450)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator B. W. Carroll & D. A. Ostlie: An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics (Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 2007, 2nd edition) G. B. Rybicki & A.P. Lightman: Radiative Processes in Astrophysics (Wiley-VCH, 1985) M. Lachieze-Rey: Cosmology: A First Course (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1995) S. L. Shapiro and S. A. Teukolsky: Black Holes, White Dwarfs and Neutron Stars (John Wiley, 1983)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4654	**General relativity (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K M Lee, Physics *(kmlee1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K M Lee,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This is an introductory course on general relativity. It provides conceptual skills and analytical tools necessary for astrophysical and cosmological applications of the theory. This is an elective course for the astrophysics and theoretical physics themes. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in astrophysics or theoretical physics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: The principle of equivalence; inertial observers in a curved space-time; vectors and tensors; parallel transport and covariant differentiation; the Riemann tensor; the stress-energy tensor; the Einstein gravitational field equations; the Schwarzschild solution; black holes; gravitational waves detected by LIGO, and Freidmann equation.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	apply the mathematical and physical ideas of the theory of general relativity for the study of various systems in astrophysics and cosmology
	CLO 2	explain the observational effects at the scale of the Solar System that cannot be described by Newtonian gravity from a general relativistic point of view
	CLO 3	demonstrate knowledge and discuss the dynamic interactive physical processes in astrophysics by using a general relativistic approach

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS2055 and PHYS3350

Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator R. M. Wald: General Relativity (University of Chicago Press, 1984) T. A. Moore: A General Relativity Workbook (Univ Science Books, 2012) J. B. Hartle: Gravity: An Introduction to Einstein's General Relativity (Addison-Wesley 2003) B. Schutz: A First Course in General Relativity (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4655	Interstellar medium (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Physics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M H Lee, Earth Sciences *(mhlee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M H Lee,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course provides students with an advanced-level understanding of the processes responsible for the absorption and emission of continuum and line radiation from gas and dust in stellar atmospheres and interstellar space, and their astrophysical applications and implications. This is an elective course for the astrophysics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in astronomy and astrophysics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Gas, dust, atoms, molecules, radiation; physical and radiative properties of hydrogen, helium and heavier elements; hydrogen clouds, molecular clouds; HII regions, nebulae, supernovae.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 express what exists between stars in spiral and elliptical galaxies		
	CLO 2 apply physical principles to describe excitation/ionization and de-excitation/recombination of atoms and ions		
	CLO 3 recognize which process or processes occur or dominate in which object or phase of the interstellar medium		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3651 or PHYS3653 or (PHYS3351 and PHY3550)		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Essay		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		15	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator S. Kwok: Physics and Chemistry of the Interstellar Medium (University Sciences Book, 2007)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4656	Advanced astrophysics (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Physics	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S C Y Ng, Physics *(ncy@astro.physics.hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S C Y Ng,Physics)		
Course Objectives	Built on PHYS3653, this course covers selected astrophysics topics at the advanced undergraduate level. Foci include high energy processes, basic theory of stellar structure and evolution, and introduction to compact objects. It follows a vigorous mathematical treatment that stresses on the underlying physical processes. This is an elective course for the astrophysics theme. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies in astrophysics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Radiation mechanisms; stellar structure equations; polytropic model; elementary stellar radiation processes; simple stellar nuclear processes; stellar formation; late stage of stellar evolution; supernova explosion; compact stellar; cosmic rays; numerical solving of stellar structure equation; if time permits, additional selected topics will be covered.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 describe what is stars and to classify different types of stars		
	CLO 2 analytically calculate and solve problems related to the structure and evolution of stars including the use of stellar structure equations and Saha equations		
	CLO 3 critically examine the physical processes occurring in stars and how these processes affect the evolution of stars		
	CLO 4 apply physics principles to describe the physical properties of various astrophysical systems		
	CLO 5 demonstrate knowledge and discuss the underlying physical concepts associated with the astrophysical systems and their dynamic interactive processes		
	CLO 6 assess selected research papers in the field of stellar astrophysics		

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3651 or PHYS3653 or (PHYS3351 and PHYS3450)
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Project reports		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Prialnik, D.: An introduction to the theory of stellar structure and evolution, 2nd ed. (CUP, 2010) Longair, M. S.: High Energy Astrophysics, 3rd ed (CUP, 2011) LeBlanc, F.: An Introduction to Stellar Astrophysics (Wiley, 2010)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4750	**Experimental physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Physics *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,Physics)		
Course Objectives	TBC		
Course Contents & Topics	TBC		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	TBC		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	
B	
C	
D	
Fail	

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC

PHYS4850	**Particle physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y J Tu, Physics *(yanjuntu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y J Tu,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course covers both theoretical and experimental aspects of particle physics at the advanced undergraduate level. This is an elective course for the theoretical physics and experimental physics themes. This is also an essential course for those who plan to pursue postgraduate studies or work in high energy particle physics.		

Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Fundamental particles; symmetry and conservation law; Feynman diagrams; electromagnetic interaction; weak interaction; strong interaction; particle accelerator and detector.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe and explain the fundamental physical principles for the standard model of particle physics. CLO 2 apply these principles, together with logical and mathematical reasoning, to analyze particle physics processes. CLO 3 capture the frontier and progress of particle physics. CLO 4 apply basic experimental skill in particle physics
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3351
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination** Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Laboratory		9
Tutorials		8
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
Laboratory reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator F. Halzen and A.D. Martin: Quarks and leptons: an introductory course in modern particle physics (Wiley, 1984) Donald H. Perkins: Introduction to High Energy Physics (Cambridge University Press, 2000, 4th edition) E. M. Henley and A. Garcia, Subatomic Physics, 3rd Ed., World Scientific, 2007
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS4966	**Physics internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof F C C Ling, Physics *(ccling@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(NIL,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This capstone course is offered to students majoring in physics, physics (intensive), math/physics or astronomy. It should be taken normally in the summer immediately before their final year of study. Students gain working experience in the field of physics or astronomy through intern placement. They should use what they have learnt in their majors in this intern. Passing a pre-approved internship is recognized as having completed an elective in one of the four themes.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students will work as an intern for at least 160 hours within the University or outside the University in a company, government department or NGO. The work nature must be related to physics or astronomy. The internship should be arranged by the Department or obtained by students themselves. In the latter case, it must be approved before the commencement of the internship.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apply physics or astronomy knowledge that students have learnt in their majors to real working environment CLO 2 help to create, propose or design part of the project that they are working on during the internship CLO 3 employ effective technical and inter-personal communication skills to people of different background, culture, gender and nationality		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (3XXX level or above) disciplinary core/elective courses of the Physics Major, Physics (Intensive) Major, Mathematics/Physics Major or Astronomy Major curriculum. This capstone course is for Astronomy, Mathematics/Physics, Physics, and Physics (Intensive) Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination** No Exam		
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction** Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the		

		Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
	Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".
	Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Internship

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Internship work	It is expected that students are to work at least 160 hours (or the equivalent of 4 weeks full-time)	160

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Written report	Written report, employer's feedback and oral presentation	100	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be provided by individual project supervisor
Additional Course Information	Satisfactory completion of this course can be counted towards the Capstone requirement. Details of internship will be recorded on the student's transcript. This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

PHYS4999	**Physics project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof F C C Ling, Physics *(ccling@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the department,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This capstone course is offered to students majoring in physics, physics (intensive), math/physics or astronomy. It is designed for those who are interested in tackling a research project in physics and/or astronomy. It should be taken normally in their final year of study. Students investigate a specific problem, either theoretical, experimental or numerical, under the supervision of an academic staff using the knowledge the student gained in all years of their major studies. The available projects are close to postgraduate level research in physics and/or astronomy. Passing a pre-approved project is recognized as having completed an elective in one of the four themes.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students interested in taking this course should contact their prospective supervisors in May to determine the contents and the nature of their projects in the coming academic year. They must get the approval from both the prospective supervisor and the course coordinator to take this course. For theoretical and numerical projects: Students will receive training in research literature reading and reviewing, and make investigation which is close to research work in nature, under the supervision of a staff member. The student may need to perform some original calculations, to fill in mathematical gaps of some sophisticated derivations, or a combination of both. For numerical projects, students also need to use computers to find numerical or simulation results. For experimental projects: Students will carry out experiments in research labs under the supervision of a staff member. The student will receive a comprehensive training in advanced experimental techniques, including preparation of samples, determination of physical properties, measurement of small signals obscured by noise, laser, high-vacuum and low-temperature techniques and so on. Wide reading of the relevant scientific literature and originality in experimental design are expected.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	plan and execute a theoretical, numerical or experimental research project on a topic in physics or astronomy	
	CLO 2	review the knowledge of a physics or astronomy problem in depth through literature review of books and research journals based on what they have learnt in their majors	
	CLO 3	criticize existing approaches for solving the selected physics or astronomy problem	
	CLO 4	describe and explain connections between the physical principles and the study problem	
	CLO 5	(for theoretical or computational projects) identify the key issues of the problem and solve them independently either by analytical or numerical means, and compare the results with predictions or existing solutions	
	CLO 6	(for experimental projects) propose and execute physics experiments or astronomical observations, analyze results and sources of errors of the experiment or observation in comparison with predictions	
	CLO 7	(for projects involving team work) collaborate and communicate effectively in the team, which may comprise of people of different culture, gender and nationality	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level (3XXX level or above) disciplinary core/elective courses of the Physics Major, Physics (Intensive) Major, Mathematics/Physics Major or Astronomy Major curriculum. This capstone course is for Astronomy, Mathematics/Physics, Physics, and Physics (Intensive) Majors students only. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis/evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Work of A+ should show considerable additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.	

	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Meeting with supervisor		54
Reading / Self study		126

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report		70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Oral presentation	Including supervisor's comments (10%)	30	CLO 2, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be provided by individual project supervisor

PHYS7351	**Graduate quantum mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S Q Shen, Physics *(sshen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S Q Shen,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This graduate level course covers the theory and advanced techniques in quantum mechanics, and their applications to selected topics in condensed matter physics. This is an elective course for the theoretical physics theme.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover the following topics: Dirac notation; quantum dynamics; the second quantization; symmetry and conservation laws; permutation symmetry and identical particles; perturbation and scattering theory; introduction of relativistic quantum mechanics.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	formulate and solve problems in quantum mechanics using Dirac notation
CLO 2	examine and predict the properties of identical quantum particles
CLO 3	argue the importance of symmetry and conservation laws in quantum mechanics
CLO 4	explain physical phenomena in the modern language of quantum mechanics
CLO 5	analyse physical system in a quantum mechanical way
CLO 6	recognise the connection between relativity and quantum mechanics

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3150 and PHYS4351		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of the knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator J. J. Sakurai: Modern Quantum Mechanics (Addison-Wesley, 1994) L. I. Schiff: Quantum Mechanics (McGraw-Hill, 1968)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

PHYS7450	**Graduate electromagnetic field theory (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y X Zhao, Physics *(yuxinphy@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y X Zhao,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This graduate level course covers the theory of classical electromagnetic field, enabling them to master key analytical tools for solving real physics problems. This is an elective course for the theoretical physics theme.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course introduces and discusses the following topics: Boundary-value problems in electrostatics and Green's Function method; electrostatics of media; magnetostatics; Maxwell's equations and conservation laws; gauge transformations; electromagnetic waves and wave guides.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	analyse and solve various electrostatic and magnetostatic problems with Green's Function	
	CLO 2	comprehend and explain many electromagnetic phenomena	
	CLO 3	recognise and comprehend the important concepts of conservation laws and gauge transformations, which should be very helpful for doing research in future	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3150 and PHYS4450		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Test		10	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	J.D. Jackson: Classical Electrodynamics (John Wiley & Sons, 1999) L.D. Landau and E.M. Lifshitz: Classical Theory of Fields (Pergamon, 1982)	
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk	

PHYS7550	**Graduate statistical mechanics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K M Lee, Physics *(kmlee1@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K M Lee,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This graduate level course covers advanced topics in equilibrium statistical physics. This is an elective course for the theoretical physics theme.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: Ensemble theory; theory of simple gases, ideal Bose systems, ideal Fermi systems; statistical mechanics of interacting systems; statistical field theory; some topics in the theory of phase transition may be selected.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	discuss the various classical ensembles and quantum ensembles	
	CLO 2	solve the statistical mechanics problems using ensemble theory	
	CLO 3	explain the connection between classical statistical mechanics and quantum statistical mechanics	
	CLO 4	understand the phase transition, criticality, symmetry breaking, renormalization	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (PHYS3550 and PHYS4351) or PHYS4550		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	3-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Kerson Huang: Statistical Mechanics (2nd Edition, Wiley) R.K. Pathria: Statistical Mechanics M. Plischke and B. Bergersen: Equilibrium Statistical Physics Kardar: Statistical Physics of fields Parisi: Statistical field theory
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

PHYS7551	**Graduate solid state physics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof J Wang, Physics *(jianwang@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide students with an understanding of more advanced topics in selected areas of solid state physics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Bloch theory. Nearly free electrons and tight binding model. Band structure calculations for realistic systems. The semi-classical model of electron dynamics. Ab initio total energy calculations and other advanced topics.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 discuss various methods to calculate the band structures and the major approximations that have been used
	CLO 2 discuss various minimization methods
	CLO 3 discuss the concepts of density functional theory
	CLO 4 explain the concept of first principle calculation and various approximations used

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3551 and PHYS4351			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of the knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective observation skills and techniques.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems using limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator C. Kittel: Introduction to Solid State Physics (John Wiley, 1996) N.W. Ashcroft and D.N. Mermin: Solid State Physics (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1987)

PHYS7650	**Stellar atmospheres (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, Physics *()*		
Teachers Involved	(TBC,Physics)		
Course Objectives	TBC		
Course Contents & Topics	TBC		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	TBC		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of the knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities, reasoned logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations using effective organizational and presentation skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective observation skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems using limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC

PHYS7750	**Physics of nanoelectronics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof D K Ki, Physics *(dkki@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof D K Ki,Physics)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed to deliver fundamental concepts and principles of quantum transport phenomena in nanoelectronic systems to fresh postgraduate students.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover various topics in nanoelectronics, such as zero-, one-, and two-dimensional electronic gas systems, quantum dots, graphene and 2D materials, semiconductor heterostructures, quantum Hall effects, Coulomb blockade effects, single electron effects, field effect transistors, phase-coherent interference effects, and more. While most discussions will be made based on experimental findings, the basics of the relevant theories will also be covered using the tight-binding model, basic quantum mechanics, and Landauer-Büttiker formula. The principles and applications of nanoelectronics and nanotechnology as well as low-temperature physics will also be discussed.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	recall basic concepts and knowledge of nanoelectronics, such as electronic band structure, dimensionality, density of states, quantum size/tunneling effect, semiconductor device operation and nanofabrication techniques
CLO 2	identify and compare various transport phenomena occurring at low energy and low dimensions, such as quantum Hall effects, quantum tunneling, Coulomb blockade, Aharonov-Bohm effects, and strong/weak localization effects
CLO 3	understand the physics and applications of low-dimensional electron systems and can explain them effectively to colleagues

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in PHYS3351 and PHYS4551
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most

		familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	2-hour written exam	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Test	Mid-term test	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments		40	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Y. Imry, Introduction to mesoscopic physics, Oxford, 1997 T. Heinzel, Mesoscopic Electronics in Solid State Nanostructures, Wiley-VCH, 2003 J.J. Sakurai, Modern Quantum Mechanics, Addison-Wesley, 1994 M. Tinkham, Introduction to Superconductivity, 2nd Edition, Dover, 1996 N. Ashcroft and N. Mermin, Solid State Physics, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1976 J.K. Jain, Composite Fermions, Cambridge, 2007
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

ENVS3006	**Environmental radiation (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr J K C Leung, Physics *(jkcleung@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr J K C Leung,Physics)		
Course Objectives	In this course, students will learn about various kinds of radiations in the environment, the experimental techniques to detect them, the methods to trace them and to assess their hazard to the environment, and the ways to reduce the hazard in events of nuclear accidents or incidents.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover naturally occurring radiation sources and man-made radiation sources including nuclear power plants; transport models for radionuclides in the environment; nuclear accidents and its impact to the environment; radiation risk assessment and emergency preparedness; techniques for measuring low level radioactivities; nuclear techniques in ecology; concept of radiation protection to human species and non-human species.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	realise sources and transport of radionuclides in the environment
CLO 2	explain and assess the impact to the environment from the use of nuclear energies
CLO 3	detect and measure low level radioactivities in environmental samples
CLO 4	justify, optimize, and assess the risk of using radiation and nuclear technologies
CLO 5	compare and contrast the environmental impacts from nuclear energy and other forms of energy

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2041 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or PHYS2265		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply highly effective lab skills and techniques. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply effective lab skills and techniques. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply moderately effective lab skills and techniques. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Apply partially effective lab skills and techniques. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective. Apply minimally effective or ineffective lab skills and techniques. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Laboratory		2
Field work		8
Tutorials		8
Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5
	Assignments	debate question performance	10	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5
	Presentation		40	CLO 2, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Merril Eisenbud and Thomas Gesell: Environmental Radioactivity: from Natural, Industrial, and Military Sources (Academic Press, 1997) Robert C. Morris: The Environmental Case for Nuclear Power (Paragon House, 2000) David Bodansky: Nuclear Energy - Principles, Practices and Prospects (American Institute of Physics Press, 1996)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

ENVS3010	**Sustainable energy and environment (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Physics	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof A B Djurisic, Physics *(dalek@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof A B Djurisic,Physics)		
Course Objectives	In this course, the students will learn about sustainability and environmental impact of different energy technologies, including conventional energy sources as well as renewable and/or clean energy sources. The technological challenges, potential for future development, and environmental impacts (community, regional, and global) will be discussed.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover energy production and use, environmental impact of energy use, fossil fuels and methods for making them more sustainable, clean fuels, electricity generation, renewable energy technologies (with emphasis on biomass, wind and solar energy), hydrogen, energy storage, and energy conservation.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 define the concept of sustainable development CLO 2 explain the challenges and potential for development of various energy technologies CLO 3 compare the environmental impact of conventional and new energy technologies		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in CHEM2041 or ENVS2001 or ENVS2002 or PHYS2260		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	2-hour written exam	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	debate questions performance	10	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Presentation		40	CLO 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lecture notes provided by Course Coordinator Godfrey Boyle: Renewable Energy: Power for a Sustainable Future (Oxford University Press, 2003) G. Boyle, B. Everett, and J. Ramage: Energy Systems and Sustainability: Power for a Sustainable Future (The Open University, 2003) R. M. Dell and D. A. J. Rand: Clean Energy (The Royal Society of Chemistry, 2004)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

ENTR2001	Professional and leadership development (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	Quota	24
Course Co-ordinator	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty *(terrylo0@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr T K C Lo,Faculty of Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is to provide opportunity for: 1. Students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and be better prepared for entering into any entrepreneurial environment 2. Students to further sharpen their communication skills, such as presentation and pitching of ideas 3. Students to further enhance their networking skills, such as in social events 4. Students to understand how different personalities and working / leadership styles fit into team work		
Course Contents & Topics	This course aims at increasing students' awareness of some important entrepreneurial skills and providing them with platforms to hone essential skills necessary to succeed as a leader in operating an entrepreneurial venture. One of the course components will also allow students to self-reflect and develop practical sense on how different personalities and work styles can help build leadership capacity as well as foster stronger team collaboration.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 acquire basic knowledge about how different personalities and working / leadership styles fit into team work		
	CLO 2 gain insight into the fundamentals of starting and operating a business by meeting industry practitioners		
	CLO 3 sharpen their communication and career preparation skills in CV and cover letter writing, interview, networking, presentation, negotiation, group discussion, case analysis and problem solving		
	CLO 4 recognize and adapt work style differences to establish stronger relationships at workplace in a startup company		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Any level 1 undergraduate course		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction** Demonstrate excellence in applying knowledge to solve problems in the course work. Demonstrate excellence in handling and carrying out the work assigned by teacher(s) and external professional trainer(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s) and team members in the course. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding attendance, assignments, reports, and evaluation by teacher(s), external trainer(s), etc.		
	Pass Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the course work. Successfully handles and carries out the work assigned by teacher(s) and external professional trainers. Establishes effective collaboration and communication with teacher(s) and team members in the course. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding attendance, assignments, reports, and evaluation by teacher(s) and external professional trainer(s), etc.		
	Fail Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the course work. Fails to handle or carry out the work assigned by teacher(s) and external professional trainer(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s) and team members. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding attendance, assignments, reports, or evaluation by teacher(s) and external professional trainer(s), etc.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		37
Tutorials		12
Project work		43
Reading / Self study		42

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments	Include in class and home assignments	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Essay	Experiential learning activities and reflective journal	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Project reports	Include Job Application Review & Mock Interview and Group Presentation	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Business and Administrative Communication by Kitty Locker and Donna Kienzler Organizational Behavior by Stephen P. Robbins and Timothy A. Judge Group Dynamics by Donelson R. Forsyth Talk Like TED: The 9 Public-Speaking Secrets of the World's Top Minds by Carmine Gallo All-time essentials for entrepreneurs,100 things to know and do to make your idea happen, by Jonathan Yates Entrepreneur's Handbook, everything you need to know to launch and grow your new business, by Harvard Business Review New Venture Creation, a framework for entrepreneurial start-ups, by Paul Burns Value Proposition Design, by Alex Osterwalder , Yves Pigneur, Greg Bernarda, Alan Smith The new rational manager : an updated edition for a new world / Charles H Kepner, Benjamin B. Tregoe.
Additional Course Information	This course is opened up for year 2 students or beyond. However, priority will be given to year 3 students.

ENTR3001	Science-based innovation development (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	Quota	24
Course Co-ordinator	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty *(terrylo0@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Mr F Yung,Faculty of Science)		
Course Objectives	1. Stimulate students to contemplate how business opportunities can be generated from science and technology. 2. Teach students the process of translating scientific ideas to commercial products and/or services and the challenges therein. 3. Help students to understand the different requirements for science and technology based business opportunities 4. Inspire students to identify potential business ideas from science and technology research and to synthesise a feasible action plan for a start-up company		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics will include identification of business opportunities from science and technology, the stages involved in translation of science into a commercial product, understanding the challenges of translating scientific ideas into products, understanding the regulatory requirements for technology-based products.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate an understanding on how science and technology can generate business opportunities CLO 2 acquire knowledge of the process and stages involved in translating a scientific idea into a commercial product CLO 3 identify the challenges encountered in translating scientific ideas into product and understand how to generate solutions to those challenges CLO 4 have a clear understanding of the different regulatory requirements for different technology-based products CLO 5 demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate cases of science-based business success or failures in written assessments CLO 6 evaluate cutting-edge science and technology research to identify potential business opportunities and to devise and deliver a feasible action plan to bring the science into product in the form of an oral presentation with visual or digital aid
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in IIMT1611 and ENTR2001, or already enrolled in these courses
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Candidate has consistently demonstrated a thorough understanding and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. S/he has shown the ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. S/he has demonstrated highly effective organizational and presentation skills. **B** Candidate frequently demonstrated a substantial understanding and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. S/he has shown the ability to apply knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar situations. S/he has demonstrated effective organizational and presentation skills. **C** Candidate demonstrated general but incomplete understanding and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Some of the responses are well organized, clear but with insufficient elaboration – there is significant room for improvement to achieve a more satisfactory level. S/he has demonstrated moderately effective organizational and presentation skills. **D** Candidate demonstrated partial but limited understanding and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Solutions to questions and problems contain unstructured but relevant observations. Candidate has shown marginal interest in the subject. S/he has demonstrated limited or barely effective organizational and presentation skills. **Fail** Candidate showed little or no evidence of basic familiarity with the subject, nor demonstration of sufficient effort to basic project and course requirement. Organizational and presentation skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / / 36 Project work / / 40 Reading / Self study / / 45
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Assignments / Project report, Presentations, Discussions and student performance in tutorials / 100 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	New Venture Creation, a framework for entrepreneurial start-ups, by Paul Burns Angel Investing, matching start-up funds with start-up companies, by Mark Van Osnabruggr and Robert J. Robinson, Harvard Business School Angel Capital, how to raise early stage private equity financing, by Gerald A. Benjamin and Joel B. Margulis 我为什么要投资你， 中国商业出版社 天使投资，如何成功解决创业者的融资向题， 唐滔
Additional Course Information	Further to what has been described in the assessment section, participation and engagement in the class and tutorial is required in this course.

ENTR3002	**Customer analysis and strategic marketing (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	24
Course Co-ordinator	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty *(terrylo0@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr T K C Lo,Faculty of Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is to provide opportunity for: 1. Students to master techniques to identify customers' needs and market situations. 2. Students to learn how to define strategies to satisfy customers' needs and to capture market shares 3. Students to learn how to develop systematic approaches for commercializing an innovation from the result of analyzing the current market condition and customers' need. 4. Students to evaluate local and international cases on disruptive/market driven innovation. 5. Students to synthesize and implement their own approaches to invent for the need and develop a business proposal to commercialize such an innovation.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course focuses on data collection and analysis of market and customers' need, through which innovation and commercial opportunities could be identified together with systematic approaches addressing them. The students will learn about practical way of data collection and analysis and about how data-driven business decision will be made wisely. Local and international case studies on disruptive/market driven innovation will also be analyzed and evaluated.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 to master techniques of data collection and analysis particular for market and customer analysis CLO 2 to acquire knowledge of interpretation of the result of market and customer analysis, and then to define a solution to address the need by an innovative idea/new product CLO 3 to synthesize systematic approaches to commercialize an innovation with regard to the existing market condition and customers' need CLO 4 to analyze local and international cases on disruptive/market driven innovation CLO 5 to integrate principles discussed in this course via synthesizing and implementing systematic approaches to commercialize an innovation CLO 6 to draft a business proposal		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in IIMT1611 and ENTR2001, or already enrolled in these courses		

and Impermissible combinations)				
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Candidate has consistently demonstrated a thorough understanding and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. S/he has shown the ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. S/he has demonstrated highly effective organizational and presentation skills		
	B	Candidate frequently demonstrated a substantial understanding and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. S/he has shown the ability to apply knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar situations. S/he has demonstrated effective organizational and presentation skills.		
	C	Candidate demonstrated general but incomplete understanding and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Some of the responses are well organized, clear but with insufficient elaboration – there is significant room for improvement to achieve a more satisfactory level. S/he has demonstrated moderately effective organizational and presentation skills.		
	D	Candidate demonstrated partial but limited understanding and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Solutions to questions and problems contain unstructured but relevant observations. Candidate has shown marginal interest in the subject. S/he has demonstrated limited or barely effective organizational and presentation skills.		
	Fail	Candidate showed little or no evidence of basic familiarity with the subject, nor demonstration of sufficient effort to basic project and course requirement. Organizational and presentation skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Project work			48
	Reading / Self study			40
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project reports	report	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Presentation		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	The Lean Start-Up by Eric Reis Business Model Generation by Alex Osterwalder Change by Design: How Design Thinking Transforms Organizations and Inspires Innovation by Tim Brown			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

ENTR4966	**Entrepreneurship internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	24
Course Co-ordinator	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty *(terrylo0@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Faculty of Science,)		
Course Objectives	This course is to provide opportunity for students: 1. To practice what they learned related to entrepreneurship through prior university coursework in real-life work environment. 2. To acquire first-hand experience in industries for the preparation of their own business ventures.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students taking this course will work as an intern for at least 160 hours in at least 20 working days within the University or outside the University in a company (preferably technology based startup company). The internship may be arranged by the Faculty or obtained by students themselves. 1. Within the university: The student will be supervised by a staff member (Supervisor), working on a project or various tasks as instructed by the Supervisor. 2. Outside the university: The student will be supervised under a staff member of the external agency (the External Supervisor) and a staff member of the Faculty/School /Department of the student (the Internal Supervisor).		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	to integrate and apply knowledge gained in coursework in a real-life setting	
	CLO 2	to experience the culture of a real organization and challenges encountered in entrepreneurship	
	CLO 3	to further improve problem-solving and collaborative skills in a real-life setting	
	CLO 4	to gain hand-on experience from external startup companies or internal research group about their daily operation and special activities that will help them to prepare for their own startup venture in the near future	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in ENTR3001 and ENTR3002 Students must be in their Year 3 study or beyond, as well as minoring in Science Entrepreneurship.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction**	Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.	
	Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".	
	Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Internship		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**

	Internship work	it is expected that students are to work at least 160 hours (or the equivalent of 4 weeks fulltime)		160
	Reading / Self study			20
	Assessment	Presentation		5

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Written report		50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Supervisor's feedback	A Standardized evaluation form will be provided to internal/external supervisor	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Oral presentation		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Students will be briefed with materials appropriate to the individual internship assignment by the internship supervisor(s) and/or the corresponding Faculty members.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Students are expected to work for at least 160 hours, supervised by a Faculty member. Students are to submit a written report of no more than 2000 words, together with a presentation about their internship experience.

ENTR4999	**Entrepreneurship project (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	24
Course Co-ordinator	Dr T K C Lo, Faculty *(terrylo0@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(All academic staff in Faculty of Science,Faculty of Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is to provide opportunity for students to: 1. Apply entrepreneurship-related knowledge gained through prior university coursework and hand-on experiences gained from prior Internship course to carry out in-depth business potential evaluation and to develop start-up proposals. 2. Students to further develop leadership and teamwork experience via collaboration in multi-disciplinary environments.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course is offered to students as the final course in the minor programme in Science Entrepreneurship. Under the supervision and guidance of an academic staff, students are to use the knowledge they have gained in all years of study to practice entrepreneurship. This can be achieved by conducting technology trend, market analysis and product identification for defining market-product fit solutions. Students are expected to participate, with the result from their hands-on experience in projects, competitions (such as the HKU DreamCatchers initiative, various Hackathon activities and "Challenge Cup" National Competition... etc.) and to develop start-up companies thereafter.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	to integrate and apply theoretical knowledge in a real-life setting
CLO 2	to adopt appropriate tools to analyze real-life entrepreneurship issues
CLO 3	to further improve presentation, problem-solving and collaborative skills in tackling real-life problems
CLO 4	to build a team, with members from different specialized areas, that is ready for business venture
CLO 5	to prepare a viable business plan that is ready for fund raising activities

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in ENTR3001 and ENTR3002 Students must be in their Year 3 study or beyond, as well as minoring in Science Entrepreneurship.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Candidate has consistently demonstrated a thorough understanding and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. S/he has shown the ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. S/he has demonstrated highly effective organizational and presentation skills.
	B	Candidate frequently demonstrated a substantial understanding and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. S/he has shown the ability to apply knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar situations. S/he has demonstrated effective organizational and presentation skills.
	C	Candidate demonstrated general but incomplete understanding and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Some of the responses are well organized, clear but with insufficient elaboration – there is significant room for improvement to achieve a more satisfactory level. S/he has demonstrated moderately effective organizational and presentation skills.
	D	Candidate demonstrated partial but limited understanding and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Solutions to questions and problems contain unstructured but relevant observations. Candidate has shown marginal interest in the subject. S/he has demonstrated limited or barely effective organizational and presentation skills.
	Fail	Candidate showed little or no evidence of basic familiarity with the subject, nor demonstration of sufficient effort to basic project and course requirement. Organizational and presentation skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Meeting with supervisor	Supervisor meet students in the beginning, middle and the end of this course for briefing and coaching purpose.	15
	Reading / Self study	Students will be working on their projects with guidance from the supervisor to build a business proposal	120
	Assessment	Presentation	5

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Dissertation	Research report	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Oral presentation		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Students will be briefed with materials appropriate to the project by the project supervisor(s).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

Additional Course Information	Students are expected to meet regularly with the project supervisor(s). Students are to submit a written report or a business proposal of no more than 10,000 words, together with a presentation about their project.

INRE6033	**Research ethics for graduate students (Faculty of Science) (3 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X D Li, Chemistry *(xiangli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers,Graduate School, Faculty of Law, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, Centre for Comparative Medicine Research, Civil Engineering, Biomedical Sciences)		
Course Objectives	The aims of this course are to reinforce the importance that the University places on the preservation of the values and principles of research integrity in all research conducted at the university; and to provide opportunities for students to further examine and discuss responsible conduct of research in their own disciplines, thereby enabling them to apply the principles and practices in their research field.		
Course Contents & Topics	The first half of this course equips students with essential vocabulary, principles, and practices conducive to the promotion of responsible conduct of research in general and in their relevant disciplines. The students will also encounter terminology, texts, and tenets that relate to good conduct in the teaching and research professions. The second half of this course addresses responsible conduct of research in a number of topics germane to different disciplines, and students are required to complete one of the following sub-modules: Working with Human Participants (Humanities) Working with Human Participants (Medicine) Working with Animals (Medicine) Lab Safety Working on Big Data		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	apply principles of responsible conduct to research project design
CLO 2	demonstrate the features of ethical authorship and publication practice in their own writing
CLO 3	differentiate between conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment
CLO 4	critically evaluate their own and others' research practices in terms of potential risks and benefits
CLO 5	explain the values and conventions of research integrity during data collection appropriate to their discipline
CLO 6	design independent plans for ethical use, sharing, storage and security of research material and data
CLO 7	synthesise current principles and practices of ethical research in their disciplines to fit related emerging areas and innovations

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	For Year 2 or above BSc&MRes (Science Master Class) students only.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors Pass/Fail	**Pass**	Demonstrate general to thorough command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining most to all of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		6
	Reading / Self study		54

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Web-based learning modules (Including module quizzes and three completion reports)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework assessment (based on attendance and the reflective report of about 500 words	50	CLO 5, 6, 7

Additional Course Information	Students complete this course by fulfilling the course requirements in GRSC6101 Responsible Conduct of Research: https://gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/f/page/600/GRSC6101.pdf, and GRSC6102 Stream-based Responsible Conduct of Research: https://gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/f/page/600/GRSC6102.pdf in the same semester. Students are expected to take GRSC6101 before taking the course GRSC6102. Enrolment of these 2 courses are not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the Faculty office. Students may check the course details from the Faculty's online syllabuses https://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry.

INRE7999	**Research Project (42 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X D Li, Chemistry *(xiangli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers - EPS,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Various teachers - MATH,Mathematics) (Various teachers - PATH,Pathology, SClinMed)		

	(Various teachers - PHYS,Physics) (Various teachers - SBS,Biological Sciences) (Various teachers - SCDS,Computing and Data Science)
Course Objectives	This course aims at providing students with an opportunity to pursue their own research interest under the supervision of a teacher.
Course Contents & Topics	Students will undertake a research project under the supervision of a staff member. The project report will be written in the form of a literature review paper and an original research paper in the relevant field. The research topic is flexible but should be related to the fields of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Ecology & Biodiversity, Geology, Mathematics, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology or Physics. Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After enrolment of the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will work under the guidance of their supervisor to complete the research project. The supervisor normally meets with the student regularly to discuss project progress. The period of the research project will last for the 1st semester, 2nd semester until the summer semester.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 carry out a literature survey or search of a selected subject, plan the entire project and integrate the materials principles into the project selected CLO 2 carry out self-organized independent research and development work, analyse and interpret data professionally CLO 3 demonstrate initiative, innovative abilities, and critical thinking CLO 4 communicate effectively in both report writing and oral presentation CLO 5 present materials in a scientific and logical manner
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	For BSc&MRes (Science Master Class) students only. Pass in INRE6033. Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Biological Sciences (Intensive) Major, Chemistry (Intensive) Major, Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) Major, Geology (Intensive) Major, Mathematics (Intensive) Major, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) Major or Physics (Intensive) Major in the BSc curriculum. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this course is their year 4 study.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction** Plans and executes a sophisticated and creative experimental investigation, framing the research question within existing knowledge. Displays tenacity and commitment, generating a meaningful body of data that is analysed with insight and comprehensively evaluated in the context of the original research question. Works proactively with a supervisor and other co-workers to enhance practical and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience in an effective and scholarly way and responds knowledgeably to questions. Excellent time-management skills. **Pass** Plans and executes an experimental investigation, attempting to contextualize the research question. Works with adequate commitment in order to generate sufficient data for a reasonable analysis and evaluation in the context of the original research question. Works with a supervisor and other co-workers to improve practical and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience with reasonable clarity and responds to most questions. Acceptable time-management skills. **Fail** Plans and executes an experimental investigation that is flawed, ineffective or overly simplistic, that is lacking a valid scientific context. Shows no commitment when collecting data and produces an incoherent analysis and evaluation. Works in isolation, thus failing to improve practical and scientific writing skills. Displays weak communication skills when presenting the findings to a broader audience. No time-management skills.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Reading / Self study	Students are expected to carry out no less than 840 hours of hands-on work for their project.	840

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report	The project report of no more than 20,000 is in the form of a literature review paper and an original research paper in the relevant field.	80	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Oral presentation	Each student gives a 10-minute presentation with a 5-minute Q&A.	20	CLO 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be provided by individual project supervisor
Additional Course Information	Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the Faculty office after approval has been obtained from both the supervisor and the course coordinator.

SCNC1111	**Scientific method and reasoning (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof R K W Lui, Faculty *(lui2012@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof R K W Lui,Faculty of Science)		
Course Objectives	The objectives are to give students a holistic view of the science discipline in terms of its nature, concepts and impact on civilization and society; to equip students with basic skills of logical and quantitative reasoning; and to introduce to students mathematical and statistical methods for science studies and research.		
Course Contents & Topics	Part I: The nature and methodology of science - Demarcation between science and non-science - Shared features of the sciences - Scientific method - The role of mathematics in the historical development of science Part II: Quantitative reasoning Topics selected from the following ones, which are grouped under three categories: a. Mathematics - Foundation of mathematics		

	- Mathematics and advancement of science - an introduction - Mathematical modelling - an introduction - Guesstimation - Difference equations - Linear algebra and matrices - Calculus and differential equations b. Statistics - Probability rules - Probabilistic methods - Statistical inference - Confidence intervals estimation - Hypothesis testing - Decision making with statistics - Statistical modelling, and use and misuse of statistics c. Artificial Intelligence, Data Analysis and Programming using Microsoft Excel - Performing operations by using formulas and functions and Data Analysis in Microsoft Excel - Linear Regression including overfitting and underfitting - Fundamental concepts of Supervised Learning - Computational Thinking
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe key aspects of scientific methodology CLO 2 describe the key elements of the foundation of mathematics and statistics CLO 3 identify the mathematics that underlies scientific problems CLO 4 apply logical and quantitative reasoning to re-formulate both real life and scientific problems in mathematical terms, to interpret their solutions, and to present this in visual, oral and written format
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Not for students who have taken STAT1016/STAT1018 from taking SCNC1111 (unless they have declared a Science major). (This course is compulsory for all students taking a Science major offered by the Faculty of Science, except those who are eligible for exemption. Students should take this course in their first year.)
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of familiar and unfamiliar situations. Carry out computations carefully and correctly. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Carry out computations mostly in a careful and correct way, but commit some minor computational errors. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Commit a number of minor computational errors. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Commit some substantial computational errors. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Commit serious computational errors. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / / 36 Tutorials / / 12 Reading / Self study / / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Test / two written tests / 45 / CLO 1, 2, 4 Assignments / (individual) assignment / 5 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Project reports / group project / 50 / CLO 1, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC
Additional Course Information	Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2020-21 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1111. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu. - Level 4 or above in Mathematics Extended Part Module 1 or 2 in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) - Level 5 or above in Mathematics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB) - Grade B or above in Mathematics and Further Mathematics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL) - Mathematics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

SCNC1112	**Fundamentals of modern science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr J C S Pun, Physics *(jcspun@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr E K M Leung,Faculty of Science) (Dr J C S Pun,Physics) (Prof C Zheng,Biological Sciences) (Prof H Y Au-Yeung,Chemistry)		

	(Prof J Merila,Biological Sciences) (Prof Z H Yao,Earth & Planetary Sciences)
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide students an overview of the giant web of knowledge that makes up science. This course adopts an integrated approach and encompasses physics, astronomy, earth sciences, chemistry, and biology, and focuses on the general principles and unifying concepts of science used in various disciplines to describe the diverse phenomena and objects in the natural world. The fundamental laws of each discipline, the historical developments and the modern frontiers, and the interconnectedness of different science disciplines will be introduced and highlighted. This course is also designed as a Communication-intensive Course which includes activities to enhance the oral and written literacy of students in effective communication of contemporary developments of science.
Course Contents & Topics	(1) Universal principles and unifying concepts of science - Motion, force and gravity - Energy and Heat - Entropy and Order (2) Important reactions for the physical and the living world - Atoms and Molecules - Electronic configuration - Chemical bonds - Chemical reactions: acid-base, and redox - Chemical kinetics and thermodynamics (3) The living world - Definition and origin of life - Molecules of life - Genomics and DNA; Genetics and inheritance - Cells and systems - Evolution - Ecology and environment (4) Evolution in the physical world - Solid Earth, Earth's atmosphere and hydrosphere - Earth's motion in space - Planets and the solar system - Stars and the Sun, and the solar system - Cosmology
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 acquire an understanding of the historical development of modern science, the essence and spirit of scientific inquiry methods, and the role of science in the advancement of civilization over time CLO 2 understand and be familiar with the fundamental scientific principles and concepts CLO 3 appreciate the diversity of different scientific disciplines and develop multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives on scientific issues CLO 4 critically and creatively appraise received ideas and established knowledge through writing CLO 5 develop curiosity in science and an appreciation of sciences as related to different Science Majors and as a form of life-long learning CLO 6 describe the contemporary developments of a topic in science through group presentations
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL (This course is compulsory for all students taking a Science major offered by the Faculty of Science, except those who are eligible for exemption. Students should take this course in their first year.)
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		33
Tutorials		10
Reading / Self study		102
Assessment	3 hour in-class quiz	3

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination		45	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Test	3 quizzes	15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	tutorials and homework	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Presentation	project presentation	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Textbook: Sciences: An Integrated Approach by Trefil & Hazen 7th Edition (2013, Wiley) References: Integrated Science by Tillery, Enger, & Ross 5th Edition (2011, McGrawHill) Biology: Concepts and Connections by Campbell, Mitchell, & Reece 2nd Edition (1999, Benjamin/Cummings) Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach by Zumdahl & Zumdahl (2012 Cengage)
Additional Course Information	Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2021-22 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from taking SCNC1112. It is optional for them to take this course. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit disciplinary elective course of the science major in lieu. - Level 4 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) - Level 5 or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Higher Level in International Baccalaureate (IB) - Grade B or above in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCEAL) - Biology, Chemistry, and Physics qualification in Gao Kao will be considered on a case-by-case basis

SCNC1113	**The big history of our planet: a scientific perspective on everything that has ever happened (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Dr W M Y Cheung, Faculty *(willmyc@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr H F Yu,Physics) (Dr W M Y Cheung,Faculty of Science) (Prof Q A Parker,Physics)		
Course Objectives	By exploring the Big History of our planet: from the Big Bang of the Universe, the synthesis of different chemical substances, through the evolution of various species on Earth, to the establishment of modern human society, the course aims to: (1) discuss the process of scientific discovery, and how our current body of knowledge about Nature was established; (2) develop students' understanding of the multi-disciplinary nature of science; (3) develop students' understanding of the importance of science and technology to our society, in formulating policies in the society, and solving the future problems of our planet; (4) increase scientific literacy.		
Course Contents & Topics	Part I: From the Cosmos to the Atom Main theme: How fundamental interactions between the building blocks of matter shape the Universe today as we know it; Topics include: Big bang, nucleosynthesis, cosmic expansion, cooling of the universe, star formation, and thermal equilibrium of our planet Earth. Part II: From the Atom to Life Main theme: How we understand the transition from non-living matter to the diversified biosphere on earth today; Topics include: Origin of life, evolution, natural selection and tree of life. Part III: From Life to Mind to Society Main theme: How our modern civilised society emerges through the development of intelligence and accumulation of knowledge; how science, technology, human society and environment influence one another; Topics include: Neural network and the emergence of intelligence, historical development of modern science, the role of science in human civilisation and the contemporary world. Part IV: Looking into the Future Main theme: Outlook on the future of science, technology, human society and environment; key challenges to be faced by humankind that could be addressed by science and technology; Topics include: Students will attend one of several parallel modules on topics that suit their interests, such asnano-technology, climate change, energy crisis, bioethics and artificial intelligence.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 appreciate and elaborate on the significance of major events in the development and formation of our Universe, our Earth system and our modern society CLO 2 explain, with some level of depth and details, how a number of major theories allows us to understand the workings of the world CLO 3 understand how different science disciplines fit and emerge from one another as a collective effort of the humankind to understand Nature CLO 4 critically assess the mutual influence between science and human society, the role of science in our society as well as the making of science policy in our local region CLO 5 evaluate some of the major challenges faced by humankind, and discuss solutions from a multi-disciplinary perspective CLO 6 test claims and engage in historical analysis based on theories and practices from multiple disciplines		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 3 or above in at least one science subject at the pre-university level (HKDSE Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Combined/Integrated Science or equivalent) This course is not offered to students in the 6901 BSc or 6119 BEd&BSc programmes.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of familiar and unfamiliar situations. Carry out computations carefully and correctly. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Carry out computations mostly in a careful and correct way, but commit some minor computational errors. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Commit a number of minor computational errors. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Commit some substantial computational errors. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		

	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Commit serious computational errors. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Test		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Assignments	About 3 reading assignments will be given. Students will then be assessed in various forms such as drawing mind maps, short quizzes or reflective journals.	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Project reports		30	CLO 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Presentation	Tutorial participation	10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Steven Weinberg: The First Three Minutes: A Modern View of the Origin of the Universe (Basic Books) Charles Darwin: The Origin of Species Eric R. Kandel: In Search of Memory: The Emergence of a New Science of Mind (W. W. Norton & Company) Fred Spier: Big history and the future of humanity (Wiley-Blackwell) David Christian, Cynthia Brown and Craig Benjamin: Big History: Between Nothing and Everything (McGraw-Hill Humanities/Social Sciences/Languages) The Big History Project website: https://www.bighistoryproject.com/

SCNC2121	**Sustainable food production (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	32
Course Co-ordinator	Dr H S El-Nezami, Biological Sciences *(elnezami@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr DeLisa Lewis,UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems) (Dr H S El-Nezami,Biological Sciences)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to experience the inner-workings of a sustainable, campus farming operation, and to make connections between the ecosystems that nourish the thriving, urban communities surrounding the farm. Students will participate in plenary sessions with course instructors and guest lecturers from the UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems, in guided group discussions, field trips on and off-campus, and in a variety of seasonal, hands-on farming activities.		
Course Contents & Topics	The MacMillan building, home of the UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems, will be the site of the plenary sessions, guest speaker lectures, and morning group discussion sessions. The south campus farm in UBC is the site of the majority of farming activities, including afternoon group discussions, harvest Fridays and market Saturdays. Students will have a chance to explore the UBC campus sustainability hot-spots, including the LFS orchard garden, the world-class CIRS green building, Place Vanier, home of an innovative campus chef, Steve Golieb, and the wiggle worm project in the Student Union Building/SUB. Students will also venture off-campus to two the Vancouver Farmers' Market and to Granville Island Public Market to provide a comparative view of marketing systems and the regionally grounded food system context. The main approach to learning with this course is student-centered learning and hands-on experience. To meet course learning objectives, students are expected to attend and participate in all sessions, to contribute to group discussions and the group oral presentation, and to complete a series of reflective journals on each of the four main course themes-soils, biodiversity, seeds, marketing.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	connect underlying agroecosystem concepts and soil science fundamentals with principles and practices of sustainable farming
CLO 2	observe and compare multiple models of agricultural food production in an urban and campus farm setting
CLO 3	identify multiple strategies for creating on-farm biodiversity
CLO 4	demonstrate a basic understanding of composting fundamentals
CLO 5	demonstrate the ability to perform a select set of basic crop maintenance, harvest, washing, and packing techniques in a sustainable campus farm setting
CLO 6	demonstrate best practices with post-harvest handling and food safety protocols

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Students are expected to have passed at least 30 credits of level 1 and/or level 2 science courses. Students will also need to pass an interview in order to be enrolled in the course.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Clear understanding of the basics from sustainable farming to marketing strategies used by sustainable farming operations. Ability to perform crop maintenance, harvest, washing, and packing in a sustainable campus farm setting. Ability to demonstrate solid team-based skills for performance of fieldwork, and distinct performance in different assessment components. Ability to synthesize the lessons learned during the course and articulate individual learning objectives for further studies in agriculture, food and human health.
B	Clear understanding of the basics from sustainable farming to marketing strategies used by sustainable farming operations. Ability to perform crop maintenance, harvest, washing, and packing in a sustainable campus farm setting. Ability to demonstrate solid team-based skills for performance of fieldwork, and distinct performance in different assessment components.
C	Understanding of the basics from sustainable farming to marketing strategies used by sustainable farming operations. Ability to perform crop maintenance, harvest, washing, and packing in a sustainable campus farm setting. Satisfactory demonstration of team-based skills for performance of fieldwork, and satisfactory performance in different assessment components.
D	Knowing some of the basics of sustainable farming. Active participation in team-based fieldwork, and satisfactory performance in different assessment components.
Fail	Fail to follow the basics of sustainable farming as demonstrated by unsatisfactory performance in assignments and/or fieldwork.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		20
Field work		50
Presentation	Group discussion / Project	10
Reading / Self study		50
Assessment	End of trip report	30

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments	To be announced by UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems	40	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5
Report	Students will divided into groups of 3-4. Each group will submit a 7-10 pages report (not including the references). Please refer to Remarks for format requirements.	60	CLO 3, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems will give reading materials to students.
Course Website	http://www.scifac.hku.hk/news/bsc/ubc-summer-course
Additional Course Information	Please note: Students have to cover their own travel costs and course fees charged by the hosting institution (prices to be announced). This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system. Students will be enrolled manually by the Faculty after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator. This course is taught by staff in UBC and the end of trip report is graded by Dr H S El-Nezami. Remarks: Students will divided into groups of 3-4. Each group will submit a 7-10 pages report (not including the references). Please use Times New Roman (12 points), single space and 2 cm margins from all sides. The report should summarize the group HACCP plan, issues, problems and approaches and suggestions to address any farm related food safety issues. The marking criteria are the scientific quality and clear identification of the issues listed above. In addition each group will be presenting 12-15 minutes on the topic of their report.

SCNC2122	**Marine life science: a North East Pacific perspective (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	32
Course Co-ordinator	Dr T Vengatesen, Biological Sciences *(rajan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr T Vengatesen,Biological Sciences) (Prof G A Williams,Biological Sciences) (Prof R S S Wu,Biological Sciences) (Prof S Kwok,Earth Sciences)		
Course Objectives	Marine Life Science is an integrated study of how the oceans influence large and small scale patterns of marine biology through biophysical interactions. By studying the temperate cold waters of the NE Pacific Ocean, students will learn marine habitats as habitable planet, to appreciate the dynamics of marine biodiversity, the complex interactions between the physical and biological components, fishery, and the services the coastal oceans provide to human. This course will provide an excellent opportunity for students to experience the diversity of marine life on the other side of the Pacific.		
Course Contents & Topics	Lectures from both HKU and UBC teachers will introduce 'marine life science'; with a focus on biodiversity, abundance and distribution of species, productivity, coastal pollution, fisheries, aquaculture and climate change. The course will also introduce the commercial aspects of marine life, i.e. eel-grass, aquaculture and climate change mitigation through management of coastal ecosystems. All these lectures will be discussed through a series of field observations, presentations from guest lecturers and group discussions. There will be an excellent opportunity to touch and learn about Canada's wonderful marine life diversity in the Vancouver Aquarium, and northern Vancouver Fish Hatchery. Students will be learning Canada's coastal plankton biodiversity through vising the Marina (Reed point marina) and the Sea-grass habitat. There will also be several opportunities to explore the intertidal zone, exposed and protected coastal habitats, sandy beaches and estuaries in the Vancouver Island. Marine biodiversity survey techniques and methods of studying marine life in the field will be emphasized. Students will be exposed to a different learning environment involving not only HKU teachers and students but also UBC teachers and students, bringing diverse range of expertise, cultures, and learning opportunities from both sides of the Pacific Ocean to focus on the diversity, dynamic interactions and threats to marine life.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	understand the basics of marine life science and the marine habitable planet
CLO 2	explain the major types, causes, and effects of marine threats such as pollution, overfishing, global warming and ocean acidification, and invasive species, as well as describe the consequences of these threats for marine communities and ecosystem services
CLO 3	describe the difference between coastal marine biodiversity and harbors in Hong Kong and Canada
CLO 4	discover the reasons why marine biodiversity and ecosystem services in Hong Kong are so different from the North Pacific coastal ecosystems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Students are expected to have passed at least 30 credits of level 1 and/or level 2 science courses. Students will also need to pass an interview in order to be enrolled in the course.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate through knowledge in basics of marine science and clearly understand why and how coastal biodiversity in sub-tropical Hong Kong is different from the North Pacific coastal areas. Ability to explain how marine organisms have adapted to their particular environments. Showing strong abilities, and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, to examine reasons why the diversity of marine life and their habitats are so important to human society. Independent critique on how human induced threats such as climate change, pollution and habitat change will affect marine life, its diversity and their ecosystem services.

	B	Clear understanding of the basics of marine science. Ability to explain how marine organisms have adapted to their particular environments. Knowing the common views on the reasons why the diversity of marine life and their habitats are so important to human society. Knowing the common views on how human induced threats such as climate change, pollution and habitat change will affect marine life, its diversity and their ecosystem services.
	C	Demonstrate partial and limited command of knowledge and understanding of the basics of marine science, biodiversity and coastal ecosystem services. Develop little ability to explain how marine organisms have adapted to their particular environments. Knowing the common views on the reasons why the diversity of marine life and their habitats are so important to human society. Knowing the common views on how human induced threats such as climate change, pollution and habitat change will affect marine life, its diversity and their ecosystem services.
	D	Knowing some of the basics of marine science. Developing ability to explain how marine organisms have adapted to their particular environments.
	Fail	Fail to follow the basics of marine science and/or how marine organisms have adapted to their particular environments.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Field camps

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures	10 sessions x 2.5 hours	25
Field work	Field observation and work: about 5 to 6 field study	36
Presentation	Group discussion / Project: 1 group project with presentation	10
Reading / Self study		70

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Test	Field observation (group activities & reports)	25	CLO 3, 4
Assignments	Group project work (30-mins presentation)	25	CLO 2
Report	2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Reference reading materials will be put on Moodle.
Course Website	http://www.scifac.hku.hk/news/bsc/ubc-summer-course
Additional Course Information	Please note: Students have to cover their own travel costs and course fees charged by the hosting institution (prices to be announced). This course will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment number and availability of teachers. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system. Students will be enrolled manually by the Faculty after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

SCNC3111	**Frontiers of science honours seminar course (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	70
Course Co-ordinator	Prof R K W Lui, Faculty *(lui2012@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr D Yu,Faculty of Science) (Dr E K M Leung,Faculty of Science) (Dr Y Qian,Earth and Planetary Sciences) (Prof K W Y Yuen,Biological Sciences) (Prof R K W Lui,Faculty of Science)		
Course Objectives	To introduce the research being done by our Faculty's professors To broaden and enrich students' scientific knowledge in and outside of their chosen major To foster intellectual discussions between our research professors and students To observe how research is done and note the thinking processes and paths that lead to scientific discoveries To enhance students' awareness of the importance of science to solve some of the problems facing the society To collaborate with and learn from peers from different academic backgrounds in a scientific setting To develop essential written and spoken communication skills To serve as a potential mentor-mentee matching platform for faculty members and students To develop an awareness of research ethics		
Course Contents & Topics	Professors from different departments will be featured in the honours seminar course, and they will discuss their latest research with students. The topics will span the areas of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Physics, as well as Mathematics/Statistics & Actuarial science. In addition, the following topics to prepare students for conducting and communicating research will also be introduced: Introduction to Different Search Engines for Scientific Journals and/or Decoding a Scientific Paper and/or Effective Communication for Scientists (Writing, Oral and Poster Presentations).		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	describe and discuss in an informed manner the fields of research of some of our research professors
CLO 2	identify how professors with different scientific training solve their research problems
CLO 3	apply literature search skills to identify and develop a research topic
CLO 4	practice and master scientific writing and presentation skills
CLO 5	demonstrate interpersonal skills in collaborating with their peers in a scientific setting
CLO 6	devise a research proposal and evaluate their peers' works

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in a level 2 science course. The course is for Science students only . Students who participated or will participate in ORF/SRF must take this course.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.

	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	A series of writing and reflection assignments will be given	40	CLO 1, 2, 4
	Project reports	In-class formative assessment: activities for students to work in groups	20	CLO 1, 2, 4, 5
	Presentation	Students will give a 30-minute group presentation during the last week of the instruction	40	CLO 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	TBC (suggested by the professors)			

SCNC4988	**Science research internship I (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B R Kane, Mathematics *(bkane@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the Departments, Faculty; all academic staff in Biochemistry Major, Biomedical S,)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating experience for students under the Cambridge-track to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from their undergraduate studies at HKU and Cambridge through planning and carrying out a research project under the supervision of a member of staff.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students will undertake a research project in the form of an undergraduate dissertation under the supervision of a staff member. The dissertation will be written in the style of a scientific paper. The research topic is flexible but should be related to the fields of Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth System Science, Ecology & Biodiversity, Environmental Science, Geology, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology or Physics. Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After enrolment of the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will work under the guidance of their supervisor to complete the research project.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	critique and review appropriate scientific literature	
	CLO 2	use this information to generate a scientifically relevant research question	
	CLO 3	develop and formulate innovative scientific hypotheses to test this question	
	CLO 4	design and undertake practical research work to formally test the hypotheses proposed	
	CLO 5	analyse and evaluate the data collected to test the hypotheses, present data in a professional manner to illustrate the outcomes	
	CLO 6	draw an objective series of conclusions based on the experimental work	
	CLO 7	highlight and critically discuss their research findings and place them into a holistic scientific context	
	CLO 8	submit their work following a specified journal format, present their work as a scientific conference talk	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	For Year 3 or Year 4 Cambridge-track students only.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Plans and executes a sophisticated and creative experimental investigation, framing the research question within existing knowledge. Displays tenacity and commitment, generating a meaningful body of data that is analysed with insight and comprehensively evaluated in the context of the original research question. Works proactively with a supervisor and other co-workers to enhance practical and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience in an effective and scholarly way and responds knowledgeably to questions. Excellent time-management skills.	
	B	Plans and executes a detailed experimental investigation, framing the research question within existing knowledge. Works with commitment, generating a sufficient body of data that is analysed and evaluated in the context of the original research question with skill and understanding. Works constructively with a supervisor and other co-workers to enhance practical and scientific writing skills. Clearly communicates the findings to a broader audience and responds knowledgeably to most questions. Able to time-manage effectively.	
	C	Plans and executes an experimental investigation, attempting to contextualize the research question. Works with adequate commitment in order to generate sufficient data for a reasonable analysis and evaluation in the context of the original research question. Works with a supervisor and other co-workers to improve practical and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience with reasonable clarity and responds to most questions. Acceptable time-management skills.	
	D	Plans and executes a rudimentary experimental investigation, showing a limited ability to contextualize the research question. Displays minimal commitment when collecting data and is only able to undertake a superficial analysis and evaluation. Works reluctantly with a supervisor and other co-workers to develop practical and scientific writing skills. Displays weak communication skills when presenting the findings to a broader audience. Poor time-management skills.	
	Fail	Plans and executes an experimental investigation that is flawed, ineffective or overly simplistic, that is lacking a valid scientific context. Shows no commitment when collecting data and produces an incoherent analysis and evaluation. Works in isolation, thus failing to improve practical and scientific writing skills. Displays weak communication skills when presenting the findings to a broader audience. No time-management skills.	

Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Project-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	Student is expected to spend at least 240 hours on the project.	240

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Dissertation	including a written report (9,000 - 12,000 words) and an oral presentation	100	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be provided by individual project supervisor			
Additional Course Information	Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the Faculty office after approval has been obtained from both the supervisor and the course coordinator.			

SCNC4999	**Science research internship II (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof B R Kane, Mathematics *(bkane@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers in the Departments, Faculty; all academic staff in Biochemistry Major, Biomedical S,)		
Course Objectives	To provide a stimulating experience for students under the Cambridge-track to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills obtained from their undergraduate studies at HKU and Cambridge through planning and carrying out a research project under the supervision of a member of staff.		
Course Contents & Topics	Students will undertake a research project in the form of an undergraduate dissertation under the supervision of a staff member. The dissertation will be written in the style of a scientific paper. The research topic is flexible but should be related to the fields of Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth System Science, Ecology & Biodiversity, Environmental Science, Geology, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology or Physics. Students should seek approval from a prospective supervisor prior to selecting this course. After enrolment of the course is approved by the course coordinator, students will work under the guidance of their supervisor to complete the research project.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	critique and review appropriate scientific literature	
	CLO 2	use this information to generate a scientifically relevant research question	
	CLO 3	develop and formulate innovative scientific hypotheses to test this question	
	CLO 4	design and undertake practical research work to formally test the hypotheses proposed	
	CLO 5	analyse and evaluate the data collected to test the hypotheses, present data in a professional manner to illustrate the outcomes	
	CLO 6	draw an objective series of conclusions based on the experimental work	
	CLO 7	highlight and critically discuss their research findings and place them into a holistic scientific context	
	CLO 8	submit their work following a specified journal format, present their work as a scientific conference talk	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	For Year 4 Cambridge-track students only.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Plans and executes a sophisticated and creative experimental investigation, framing the research question within existing knowledge. Displays tenacity and commitment, generating a meaningful body of data that is analysed with insight and comprehensively evaluated in the context of the original research question. Works proactively with a supervisor and other co-workers to enhance practical and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience in an effective and scholarly way and responds knowledgeably to questions. Excellent time-management skills.	
	B	Plans and executes a detailed experimental investigation, framing the research question within existing knowledge. Works with commitment, generating a sufficient body of data that is analysed and evaluated in the context of the original research question with skill and understanding. Works constructively with a supervisor and other co-workers to enhance practical and scientific writing skills. Clearly communicates the findings to a broader audience and responds knowledgeably to most questions. Able to time-manage effectively.	
	C	Plans and executes an experimental investigation, attempting to contextualize the research question. Works with adequate commitment in order to generate sufficient data for a reasonable analysis and evaluation in the context of the original research question. Works with a supervisor and other co-workers to improve practical and scientific writing skills. Communicates the findings to a broader audience with reasonable clarity and responds to most questions. Acceptable time-management skills.	
	D	Plans and executes a rudimentary experimental investigation, showing a limited ability to contextualize the research question. Displays minimal commitment when collecting data and is only able to undertake a superficial analysis and evaluation. Works reluctantly with a supervisor and other co-workers to develop practical and scientific writing skills. Displays weak communication skills when presenting the findings to a broader audience. Poor time-management skills.	
	Fail	Plans and executes an experimental investigation that is flawed, ineffective or overly simplistic, that is lacking a valid scientific context. Shows no commitment when collecting data and produces an incoherent analysis and evaluation. Works in isolation, thus failing to improve practical and scientific writing skills. Displays weak communication skills when presenting the findings to a broader audience. No time-management skills.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Project-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Reading / Self study	Student is expected to spend at least 240 hours on the project.	240

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Dissertation	including a written report (9,000 - 12,000 words) and an oral presentation	100	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Required/recommended reading and online materials	To be provided by individual project supervisor			
Additional Course Information	Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the Faculty office after approval has been obtained from both the supervisor and the course coordinator.			

SCNC9001	**Eureka Research Course (Science) (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	Faculty	**Quota**	10

Course Co-ordinator	Prof B R Kane, Mathematics *(bkane@hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	(Eureka mentors from various Faculties - CHEM,Chemistry) (Eureka mentors from various Faculties - PHYS,Physics)
Course Objectives	To provide experience in research techniques by working on a short project under the direct supervision of an academic mentor.
Course Contents & Topics	Student will conduct a short research project under the coaching of a Eureka mentor. Research activities, such as monthly progress meetings, fieldtrips, working in the mentor's laboratory etc., as well as the mode of interaction i.e., face-to-face, remote or hybrid, will be carried out under mutual agreement between mentor and student.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 identify, describe and explain an important academic question based on experience, expertise, and literature CLO 2 develop competence in and make good use of critical undergraduate research skills CLO 3 collaborate, communicate and present their ideas effectively with other researchers, as well as a variety of audiences they may encounter CLO 4 understand the relevant field's fundamental standards for conducting responsible research CLO 5 nurture an inquiry-based mindset to tackle ill-defined problems for lifelong learning and produce scholarly work for the benefit of the wider community
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	NIL
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors Pass/Fail	**Pass** Demonstrate a positive learning attitude towards the research project with good quality of the preparation work for consultation and observance of the social and academic protocols required as researchers. Good performance in terms of the breadth and depth of the research topic, analysis, and discussion. **Fail** Demonstrate a negative learning attitude towards the research project with poor quality of the preparation work for consultation and observance of the social and academic protocols required as researchers. Poor performance in terms of the breadth and depth of the research topic, analysis, and discussion.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Reading / Self study	Students are expected to allocate no less than 120 hours and no more than 180 hours of learning hours for this course.	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Research report	including: course participation (30%); research poster (50%); research reflective essay (20%)	100	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Additional Course Information	Only students accepted to join the Undergraduate Research Programme-Eureka can enroll in this course. Please refer to https://eureka.hku.hk/ for details and contact eurekaproject@hku.hk for enquiries. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the Faculty office. The actual assessment items and their weightings will be decided by the Eureka mentor.

STAT1005	**Essential skills for undergraduates: foundations of data science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	210
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives

The course introduces basic concepts and methodology of data science to junior undergraduate students. The teaching is designed at a level appropriate for all undergraduate students with various backgrounds and without pre-requisites.

Students will engage in a full data work-flow including collaborative data science projects. They will study a full spectrum of data science topics, from initial investigation and data acquisition to the communication of final results.

Specifically, the course provides exposure to different data types and sources, and the process of data curation for the purpose of transforming them to a format suitable for analysis. It introduces elementary notions in estimation, prediction and inference. Case studies involving less-manicured data are discussed to enhance the computational and analytical abilities of the students.

Course Contents & Topics

- General introduction to data science
  * Overview with selected case studies. General discussion on origins and forms of data, associated questions and types of tools for their analysis.

- Data management and exploration
  * Data sources, data collection and its impact on visualization, modeling and generalizability of results; data cleaning/extraction; Quick introduction to high level programming language and Integrated Development Environment (IDE) (Python, R); Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA); Summaries, aggregation, smoothing, distributions of data; Data visualization

- Data analytics
  * Complements on programming;
  * Statistics (1): model for randomness, random variables, distributions, histograms, correlations.
  * Statistics (2): independent sample, estimation of mean and variance, confidence interval, hypothesis testing with p-value.
  * Statistics (3): regression models, forecasting, simple time series, method of classification.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	Explore and wrangle over data; summarize and visualize data
CLO 2	Formulae problems and bring elementary concepts in estimation, prediction, and inference to bear
CLO 3	Write basic functions and simple data analysis codes using state-of-art computing software

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: COMP2501, STAT1015, STAT1016, STAT1018; and
Not for Year 2 or above BSc(ActuarSc) and BEng(CompSc) students; and
Not for Year 2 or above students majoring in Computer Science/Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and
Not for Year 4 or above students from any curriculum.
Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course: N

Course Type: Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Project work		20
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		40
Assessment		20

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Assignments	Written / programming; class discussions; quizzes	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project report	In small groups of 5 students	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3

Course Website: http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT1015	**Introduction to data science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives	The course introduces basic concepts and methodology of data science to junior undergraduate students. The teaching is designed at a level appropriate for all undergraduate students with various backgrounds and without pre-requisites. Students will engage in a full data work-flow including collaborative data science projects. They will study a full spectrum of data science topics, from initial investigation and data acquisition to the communication of final results. Specifically, the course provides exposure to different data types and sources, and the process of data curation for the purpose of transforming them to a format suitable for analysis. It introduces elementary notions in estimation, prediction and inference. Case studies involving less-manicured data are discussed to enhance the computational and analytical abilities of the students.
Course Contents & Topics	- General introduction to data science * Overview with selected case studies. General discussion on origins and forms of data, associated questions and types of tools for their analysis. - Data management and exploration * Data sources, data collection and its impact on visualization, modeling and generalizability of results; data cleaning/extraction; Quick introduction to high level programming language and Integrated Development Environment (IDE) (Python, R); Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA); Summaries, aggregation, smoothing, distributions of data; Data visualization - Data analytics * Complements on programming; * Statistics (1): model for randomness, random variables, distributions, histograms, correlations. * Statistics (2): independent samples, estimation of mean and variance, confidence interval, hypothesis testing with p-value. * Statistics (3): regression models, forecasting, simple time series, method of classification. - STAT1015 Workshops: these workshops cover a few selected topics on advanced knowledge of the contents above. Potential topics include advanced data visualization, advanced hypothesis testing and automated variable selection in regression models.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Explore and wrangle over data; summarize and visualize data CLO 2 Formulate problems and bring elementary concepts in estimation, prediction, and inference to bear CLO 3 Write basic functions and simple data analysis codes using state-of-art computing software CLO 4 Complete a real data analysis project using advanced methods
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Not for students who have passed in STAT1005, STAT1016, STAT1018 or already enrolled in this course; and This course is exclusive for BASc(AppliedAI) and BASc(FinTech) students. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture with laboratory component course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Project work		40
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		40
Assessment		20

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments	Written / programming; class discussions; quizzes	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project report	In small groups of 4 students	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation		10	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT1016	**Data science 101 (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	150
Course Co-ordinator	Dr E A L Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ericli11@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr E A L Li,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	- The course introduces basic concepts and methodology of data science to junior undergraduate students. The teaching is designed at a level appropriate for all undergraduate students with various backgrounds and without pre-requisites.		

	- Students will engage in a full data work-flow including collaborative data science projects. They will study a full spectrum of data science topics, from initial investigation and data acquisition to the communication of final results. - Specifically, the course provides exposure to different data types and sources, and the process of data curation for the purpose of transforming them to a format suitable for analysis. It introduces elementary notions in estimation, prediction and inference. Case studies involving less-manicured data are discussed to enhance the computational and analytical abilities of the students.
Course Contents & Topics	- Data management and exploration * Computational thinking: Coding without computers * Data visualisation with Tableau * Machine Learning: Supervised Learning vs Unsupervised Learning * Supervised Learning: Linear regression in Microsoft Excel * Evaluation of Model: Overfitting & Underfitting - Data analytics * Statistics (1): data visualization and data exploratory analysis * Statistics (2): random variables and probability * Statistics (3): estimation of mean and variance, distributions, confidence interval and independent samples * Statistics (4): hypothesis testing with p-value * Statistics (5): regression models for forecasting
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	Explore and wrangle over data; summarize and visualize data.
CLO 2	Apply exploratory data analysis techniques to gain insights into the data and identify patterns, trends, and outliers.
CLO 3	Formulate real life problems in a mathematical setting to bring out elementary concepts in estimation, prediction, and inference.
CLO 4	Work collaboratively in a team to design and implement a data science project, from problem formulation to data analysis and presentation of findings.

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: LING2071, STAT1005, STAT1015, STAT1018; and This course is exclusive for BASc and BA(HDT) students. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills re- quired for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		10
	Group work		32
	Project work		42
	Reading / Self study		60

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test		50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	A Step-by-step Guide for University Students - Tableau Made Easy. Natalie Wong & Rachel Lui, 2023. Will be made available on Moodle.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Teaching and Assessment This course uses problem-based, information acquisition, innovation, collaborative, and peer learning teaching methods. Teaching is made up of a three-hour lecture and a one-hour tutorial per week. Teaching materials will be uploaded to the course Moodle for reference and review. Full attendance in lectures and tutorials are expected. Student engagement is expected via class participation and email communication. Assessment includes two class tests (50%), and a group project (50%). Unless an acceptable reason is given, penalty will be applied to any late submission of the project. Partially or wholly copied work in the project will be penalized and/or reported as plagiarism.

STAT1018	**Foundations of data science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	80

Course Co-ordinator	Dr E A L Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ericli11@hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	(Dr E A L Li,Statistics & Actuarial Science)
Course Objectives	- The course introduces basic concepts and methodology of data science to junior undergraduate students. The teaching is designed at a level appropriate for all undergraduate students with various backgrounds and without pre-requisites. - Students will engage in a full data work-flow including collaborative data science projects. They will study a full spectrum of data science topics, from initial investigation and data acquisition to the communication of final results. - Specifically, the course provides exposure to different data types and sources, and the process of data curation for the purpose of transforming them to a format suitable for analysis. It introduces elementary notions in estimation, prediction and inference. Case studies involving less-manicured data are discussed to enhance the computational and analytical abilities of the students.
Course Contents & Topics	- Data management and exploration * Computational thinking: Coding without computers * Data visualisation with Tableau * Machine Learning: Supervised Learning vs Unsupervised Learning * Supervised Learning: Linear regression in Microsoft Excel * Evaluation of Model: Overfitting & Underfitting - Data analytics * Statistics (1): data visualization and data exploratory analysis * Statistics (2): random variables and probability * Statistics (3): estimation of mean and variance, distributions, confidence interval and independent samples * Statistics (4): hypothesis testing with p-value * Statistics (5): regression models for forecasting
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Explore and wrangle over data; summarize and visualize data. CLO 2 Apply exploratory data analysis techniques to gain insights into the data and identify patterns, trends, and outliers. CLO 3 Formulate real life problems in a mathematical setting to bring out elementary concepts in estimation, prediction, and inference. CLO 4 Work collaboratively in a team to design and implement a data science project, from problem formulation to data analysis and presentation of findings.
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: STAT1005, STAT1015, STAT1016; and Not for Year 2 or above BSc(ActuarSc), and BEng(CompSc), BEng(AI&DataSc) and BEng(DS&E) students; and Not for Year 2 or above students majoring in Computer Science/Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and Not for Year 4 or above students from any curriculum. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills re- quired for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		10
Group work		32
Project work		42
Reading / Self study		60

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Test	Two tests	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project reports		20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Presentation		30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	A Step-by-step Guide for University Students - Tableau Made Easy. Natalie Wong & Rachel Lui, 2023. Will be made available on Moodle.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Teaching and Assessment This course uses problem-based, information acquisition, innovation, collaborative, and peer learning teaching methods. Teaching is made up of a three-hour lecture and a one-hour tutorial per week. Teaching materials will be uploaded to the course Moodle for reference and review. Full attendance in lectures and tutorials are expected. Student engagement is expected via class participation and email communication. Assessment includes two class tests (50%), and a group project (50%). Unless an acceptable reason is given,

	penalty will be applied to any late submission of the project. Partially or wholly copied work in the project will be penalized and/or reported as plagiarism.

STAT1600	**Statistics: ideas and concepts (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr C W Kwan, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(cwkwan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C W Kwan,Statistics & Actuarial Science) (Dr E Li,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	The course aims at providing a broad overview of statistics for students who aspire to major in Statistics or Risk Management. It focuses on the roles of statistics as a scientific tool with applications to a wide spectrum of disciplines, and as a science of reasoning which has revolutionized modern intellectual endeavours. It lays a panoramic foundation for a formal study of statistics at the university level.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Data collection: observational studies versus designed experiments - Data presentation: tables; graphs; frequency distributions; correlations; trends - Probability: randomness; probability models; distributions; measures of central tendency and dispersion - Inference: estimation; tests of significance and hypotheses; confidence intervals; regression; prediction - Further issues: controversies; misuse of statistics; ethics.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 understand the role of statistics as a tool for scientific reasoning		
	CLO 2 present data in a useful and informative way		
	CLO 3 acquire basic concepts and perspectives of statistical modelling and inference		
	CLO 4 distinguish between good and bad statistical practices		
	CLO 5 pursue a major study in Statistics or Risk Management with a well-established conceptual foundation		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Not for students who have passed in any of the following courses: MATH1853, STAT1602, STAT1603, STAT2602, STAT3902. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours**		
	Lectures / / 36		
	Tutorials / / 12		
	Reading / Self study / / 100		
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**		
	Examination / One 2-hour written examination / 40 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5		
	Assignments / Coursework (assignments, class test(s) and project(s)) / 60 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5		
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Utts, J.M. (2014). Seeing Through Statistics (4th edition). Cengage Learning. Heckard, R.F. and Utts, J.M. (2012). Statistics (International edition, 4th edition). Cengage Learning. Albright, S. C., Winston, W. L. and Zappe, C. J. (2009). Data Analysis and Decision Making with Microsoft Excel. Cengage Learning. Moore, D. S. and Notz, W. I. (2006). Statistics: Concepts and Controversies. Freeman: New York.		
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk		

STAT1601	**Elementary statistical methods (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	Research findings are usually supported by data. Data collected in an experiment/survey are often concerned with situations involving variability and uncertainty. They are used to estimate the true value of a certain quantity or to test the acceptability of a certain new hypothesis. Valid methods of analysing the data are thus essential to any successful investigation. The course aims to present the fundamentals of statistical methods widely used by researchers. Microsoft Excel might be used to carry out some statistical analysis. There is no demand of sophisticated technical mathematics.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will introduce and study the following topics: Presentation of data, Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Variability and Uncertainty, Basic Probability Laws, Common Probability Distributions such as Uniform, Binomial, Poisson, Hyper-geometric, Geometric and Normal distributions, Random Sampling, Distribution of the Mean, Normal Sampling Theorem, Point Estimation, Confidence Intervals, Sample Size Determination, Hypothesis Testing, Inferences for Mean and Proportion, Chi-squared tests, Simple Regression and Correlation		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 select and use appropriate statistical methods to analyze data CLO 2 perform statistical analysis with calculator and Microsoft Excel CLO 3 understand and apply basic concepts of probability CLO 4 gain familiarity with the fundamental concepts of random variables CLO 5 make inferences on a population based on sample data CLO 6 determine the most appropriate statistical method to use for a given statistical problem CLO 7 write appropriate conclusions based on the statistical results CLO 8 understand the basic principles of simple linear regression and correlation and their applications to practical problems
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics or equivalent; and Not for students with Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics Extended Module 1 or 2; and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: STAT2901, STAT1602, STAT2601, STAT1603, ECON1280 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Chiu W. K.: Basic Statistics (Pearson (Asia), 2007) Larson, R. & Farber, B.: Elementary Statistics, Picturing the World (Prentice Hall, 2008, 4th ed.) Berk, K.N. & Carey, P.: Data Analysis with Microsoft EXCEL (Duxbury press, Update Office 2007) Freund, J. E. & Perles, B. M.: Statistics - A First Course (Prentice Hall, 2004, 8th ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Calculator: CASIO fx-50FH (This model has SD-MODE, REG-MODE, nCr and Normal Probability Function which is very suitable for this course.)

STAT1602	**Business statistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	The discipline of statistics is concerned with situations involving uncertainty and variability. Variability greatly affects the interpretation of data. Thus statistics forms an important descriptive and analytical tool. This elementary course, which is taught without much technical mathematics, presents many standard situations of data analysis and interpretation with emphases on business examples. The statistical tests of these situations are presented. Microsoft Excel might be used to carry out some statistical analysis.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will introduce and discuss the following topics: Presentation of Data, Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Variability and Uncertainty, Elementary Probability Rules and Basic Probability Distributions such as Binomial, Normal, Poisson, Hyper-geometric and Geometric, Random Sampling, the Normal Sampling Theorem, Point Estimation, Confidence Intervals and Sample Size Determination, Hypothesis Testing involving Inferences for Means and Proportions as well as the Chi-square tests, Simple Regression and Correlation, Elementary Time Series and Index Numbers		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the methods for describing sets of data CLO 2 perform statistical analysis with calculator and Microsoft Excel, draw conclusions from data using numerical summaries CLO 3 understand and apply basic concepts of probability CLO 4 gain familiarity with the fundamental concepts of random variables CLO 5 make inferences on a population based on sample data CLO 6 determine the most appropriate statistical method to use for a given statistical problem CLO 7 gain familiarity with the fundamental concepts of statistical inference as they apply to a variety of problems CLO 8 understand the basic principles of simple linear regression and correlation and their applications to practical problems in today's society		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: STAT1601, STAT2601, STAT1603, STAT2901 or ECON1280		

and Impermissible combinations)	(This course is available to students pursuing a major/minor in Business only, except students from Science or Engineering Faculty). Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Gerald Keller: Managerial Statistics (Cengage Learning, 2009, 8th edition) Freund, J. E. & Perles, B. M.: Modern Elementary Statistics (Prentice Hall, 2006, 12th ed.) Berk, K.N. & Carey, P.: Data Analysis with Microsoft EXCEL (Duxbury press, Update Office 2007) Bowerman, B.L. & O'Connell, E.S.: Business Statistics in Practice (McGraw-Hill International Edition, 2008, 5th ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT1603	**Introductory statistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	The discipline of statistics is concerned with situations involving uncertainty and variability. The interpretation of data needs special techniques when variability plays a role, as it usually does. Thus statistics forms an important descriptive and analytical tool of many scientific disciplines. Candidates with a mathematical background will find this course suitable, because the language of mathematics allows the subject of statistics to be presented with economy and clarity.		
Course Contents & Topics	Presentation of data, Variability and Uncertainty, Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Dispersion, Basic Probability Theory and Techniques, Random Variables and Probability Distributions, Random Samples, Point Estimation, Normal Sampling Theorem, Confidence Intervals, Hypotheses Testing, Simple Linear Regression and Correlation.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	compute different measures of central tendency and dispersion
CLO 2	make use of the basic probability theory and techniques to solve practical problem
CLO 3	know how to construct confidence intervals and use hypotheses testing to carry out inference on the population
CLO 4	use linear regression and correlation methods to solve problems in science and in social and business environment

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	(Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics Extended Module 1 or 2 or equivalent) or (Pass or already enrolled in any of these courses: MATH1009, MATH1011, MATH1013, MATH1851, MATH1853); and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of these courses: STAT1602, STAT2601, STAT2901 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and class test(s))	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Miller, I. and Miller, M. (2014). John E. Freund's Mathematical Statistics with Applications (8th Edition). Pearson. Hogg, R. V., Tanis, E. A., and Zimmerman, D. L. (2015). Probability and Statistical Inference (9th Edition). Pearson. Freund, J. E. and Perles B. M. (2003). Statistics: A First Course (8th Edition). Prentice Hall. Fernandes, M. (2009). Statistics for Business and Economics. Bookboon. Hooke, R. (1983). How to Tell the Liars from the Statisticians. Marcel Dekker. Levine, D. M., Stephan, D. F., and Szabat, K. A. (2016). Statistics for Managers Using Microsoft Excel (8th Edition). Pearson. Larson, R. and Farber, B. (2015). Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World (6th Edition). Pearson. Bluman, A. G. (2014). Elementary Statistics: A Step by Step Approach (9th Edition). McGraw-Hill. Triola, M. F. (2018). Elementary Statistics (13th Edition). Pearson. Newbold, P., Carlson, W. L., and Thorne, B. M. (2013). Statistics for Business and Economics (8th Edition). Pearson.			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	Students who intend to major in "Decision Analytics" or "Risk Management" or "Statistics" should take STAT2601 instead of this course. Other references: Wonnacott, T. H. and Wonnacott, R. J.: Introductory Statistics (Wiley, New York, 1972, 2nd edition) Dixon, W. J. and Massey, Jr, F. J.: Introduction to Statistical Analysis (McGraw Hill, 1983, 4th edition)			

STAT2601	**Probability and statistics I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K P Wat, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(watkp@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K P Wat,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	The discipline of statistics is concerned with situations in which uncertainty and variability play an essential role and forms an important descriptive and analytical tool in many practical problems. Against a background of motivating problems this course develops relevant probability models for the description of such uncertainty and variability.		
Course Contents & Topics	Sample spaces; Operations of events; Probability and probability laws; Conditional probability; Independence; Discrete random variables; Cumulative distribution function (cdf); Probability mass function (pmf); Bernoulli, binomial, geometric, and Poisson distributions; Continuous random variables; Cumulative distribution function (cdf); Probability density function (pdf); Exponential, gamma, and normal distributions; Functions of a random variable; Joint distributions; Marginal distributions; Conditional distributions; Independent random variables; Functions of jointly distributed random variables; Expected value; Variance and standard deviation; Covariance and correlation.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the basic concepts in probability theory CLO 2 gain some insights to statistics and inference CLO 3 solve real-world problems by using probability calculations CLO 4 pursue their further studies in statistics and quantitative analysis		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass or already enrolled in MATH2014 or (MATH2101 and MATH2211); and Not for students who have passed in ELEC2844, MATH3603, STAT1603, STAT2901 or already enrolled in these courses; and Not for BSc(ActuarSc) students. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (participation, assignments, tutorials, and class	40	CLO 1, 2, 3

	test(s))
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Blitzstein, J. K. and Hwang, J. (2019). Introduction to Probability (2nd Edition). CRC Press. Ghahramani, S. (2019). Fundamentals of Probability with Stochastic Processes (4th Edition). CRC Press. Pitman, J. (1993). Probability. Springer. DeGroot, M. H. and Schervish, M. J. (2014). Probability and Statistics (4th Edition). Pearson. Ross, S. M. (2019). A First Course in Probability (10th Edition). Prentice Hall. Ross, S. M. (2019). Introduction to Probability Models (12th Edition). Academic Press. Miller, I. and Miller, M. (2014). John E. Freund's Mathematical Statistics with Applications (8th Edition). Prentice Hall. Hogg, R. V., McKean, J. W., and Craig, A. T. (2019). Introduction to Mathematical Statistics (8th Edition). Prentice Hall. Hogg, R. V., Tanis, E. A., and Zimmerman, D. L. (2020). Probability and Statistical Inference (10th Edition). Pearson. Casella, G. and Berger, R. L. (2002). Statistical Inference (2nd Edition). Duxbury Press. Miller, M. B. (2014). Mathematics and Statistics for Financial Risk Management (2nd Edition). Wiley. Chung, K. L. (2001). A Course in Probability Theory (3rd Edition). Academic Press.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT2602	**Probability and statistics II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L Feng, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(lfeng@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof L Feng,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course builds on STAT2601, introducing further the concepts and methods of statistics. Emphasis is on the two major areas of statistical analysis: estimation and hypothesis testing. Through the disciplines of statistical modelling, inference and decision making, students will be equipped with both quantitative skills and qualitative perceptions essential for making rigorous statistical analysis of real-life data.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Overview: random sample; sampling distributions of statistics; moment generating function; large-sample theory: laws of large numbers and Central Limit Theorem; likelihood; sufficiency; factorisation criterion; 2. Estimation: estimator; bias; mean squared error; standard error; consistency; Fisher information; Cramer-Rao Lower Bound; efficiency; method of moments; maximum likelihood estimator; 3. Hypothesis testing: types of hypotheses; test statistics; p-value; size; power; likelihood ratio test; Neyman-Pearson Lemma; generalized likelihood ratio test; Pearson chi-squared test; Wald tests; 4. Confidence interval: confidence level; confidence limits; equal-tailed interval; construction based on hypothesis tests.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apprehend the objectives of statistics and its relation to probability theory CLO 2 relate a real-life problem to a formal framework for statistical inference CLO 3 conduct standard parametric statistical inference by means of estimation and hypothesis testing CLO 4 reckon the general applicability of statistics in a broad range of subject areas		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2601; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3902, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Berry, D.A. & Lindgren, B.W. (1996). Statistics: Theory and Methods. Duxbury: Belmont. Bickel, P.J. & Doksum, K.A. (2001). Mathematical Statistics: Basic Ideas and Selected Topics. Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, N.J. Hogg, R.V. & Craig, A.T. (1989). Introduction to Mathematical Statistics. Macmillan: New York. Miller, I. & Miller, M. (2004). John E. Freund's Mathematical Statistics with Applications. Pearson Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT2603	Data management with SAS (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is designed for students who want to learn the statistical software (SAS) for data management and elementary data analysis. This course focuses on using SAS to manage data set input and output, work with different data types, manipulate and transform data, perform random sampling and descriptive data analysis, and create summary reports and graphics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Data management system for statistical projects. Data validation and cleaning techniques. SAS programming topics, including the following: Data set input and output. Working with different data types. Data manipulation. Data transformation. File manipulation. File management. Data reporting, summarization, presentation and graphics. Basic data analysis. Structured query language.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		

CLO 1	access online help and document
CLO 2	use Data Step to create data files
CLO 3	summarize data by PROC MEANS, PROC FREQ, and PROC UNIVARIATE
CLO 4	work with numeric, character, and date variables and functions in Data Step
CLO 5	perform conditional processing in Data Step
CLO 6	perform iterative processing in Data Step including the following: work with arrays in Data step; restructure SAS data sets by Data Step and PROC TRANSPOSE; subset and merge data sets by Data Step and PROC APPEND; present data in a readable way by PROC TABULATE; produce high-resolution graphics by PROC SGPLOT, HTML output by ODS; procedure SQL for structured query language

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT1600 or MATH1821, or already enrolled in this course Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N — Examination: ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and class test(s))	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Cody, R.P.: Learning SAS by Example: A Programmer's Guide (North Carolina: SAS Institute Inc., 2007) SAS: SAS Certification Prep Guide: Base Programming for SAS 9. Third Edition. (SAS Institute Inc., 2011) Bailer, J.: Statistical Programming in SAS. North Carolina: (SAS Institute Inc., 2010) Delwiche, L. and Slaughter, S.: The Little SAS Book: A Primer. Fifth Edition. (SAS Institute Inc, 2012) Cody, R. P.: Cody's Data Cleaning Techniques Using SAS System (North Carolina: SAS Institute, 2008, 2nd edition) SAS: Step by Step Programming with Base SAS Software (North Carolina: SAS Publishing, 2001)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT2604	Introduction to R/Python programming and elementary data analysis (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(mzhang18@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M Zhang,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed to provide a first-level introduction to Python programming for statistics. This course focuses on learning the basic programming skills in Python with examples and applications in elementary statistical analysis. The programming skills involved can be applied to input and output of data sets, work with different data types, manipulation and transformation of data, random sampling, descriptive data analysis, and production of professional summary reports with high-quality graphs.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Python basics: first steps; language essentials. 2. The Python environment and libraries such as pandas, numpy, scipy.stats, matplotlib, seaborn, etc. 3. Probability and distributions: random sampling; probability calculations and combinatorics; discrete distributions; continuous distributions. 4. Descriptive statistics and graphics: summary statistics for a single group; graphical display of distributions;		

	summary statistics by groups; graphics for grouped data; graphical display of tables. 5. Simple linear regression: residuals and fitted values; prediction and confidence bands; correlation.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 access online help and documents for Python CLO 2 use Python to input data, perform data transformation and merging, output data CLO 3 summarize data in tables and graphs for descriptive data analysis CLO 4 work with numeric, character, and other unstructured data types CLO 5 be able to write functions, loops and control flows CLO 6 perform data management in Python CLO 7 perform Monte Carlo simulations to validate statistical concepts
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass or already enrolled in STAT1600 or MATH1821 or (MATH1851 and MATH1853). Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Assignments / Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and class test(s)) / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Project reports / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Required/recommended reading and online materials	- Fabio Neli. Python Data Analytics With Pandas, NumPy, and Matplotlib, Second Edition. Apress Publisher. 2018. ISBN (electronic) 978-1-4842-3913-1 ISBN (pbk):978-1-4842-3912-4 - There are also many on-line learning materials that fit well the contents of this course (details provided by the course instructor).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT2605	**Demographic and socio-economic statistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	The course covers the major methods for studying demographic and socio-economic statistics, with a quantitative evidence-based approach to understand the socio-economic well-being of residents in a territory. The course aims to provide students with 1) essential underlying principles and the pertinent methods behind internationally adopted statistical indicators; and 2) skills in the statistical descriptions and further analysis for application to planning, policy-making and commercial endeavours of a territory.		
Course Contents & Topics	Demographic statistics on population structure, fertility, mortality, migration, life tables, population projections; Socio-economic statistics on housing, labour, and social equity; Economic statistics on external trade, innovation, prices and GDP measurements (with emphasis on methods pertaining to some important economic sectors in the case of GDP). Sources, theory and methods of such statistics; Examples would be especially drawn from Hong Kong, neighbouring economies or comparable economies.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 describe and interpret major official & other publicly disseminated socio-economic statistics of a territory CLO 2 further appraise and analyse the socio-economic well-being of a territory with particular reference to Hong Kong, neighbouring economies or comparable economies CLO 3 predict a future situation by extrapolating or referencing from appropriate statistics CLO 4 critically assess statistics reporting		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	(Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics or Level 2 or above in HKDSE Mathematics Extended Module 1 or 2 or equivalent); and Pass or already enrolled in BIOL2102, ECON1280, STAT1601, STAT1602, STAT2601, STAT1603, STAT2901 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		

	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	65	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials and a test)	35	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Annual Digest of Statistics (Census & Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, latest issue) Pollard A. H., Yusuf F., & Pollard G. N.: Demographic Techniques (Pergamon Press, 1990, 3rd edition) Giovannini E.: Understanding Economic Statistics - an OECD Perspective (OECD, 2008)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT2901	**Probability and statistics: foundations of actuarial science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(smslee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S M S Lee,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	The purpose of this course is to develop knowledge of the fundamental tools in probability and statistics for quantitatively assessing risk. Applications of these tools to actuarial science problems will be emphasized. Students will have a thorough command of probability topics and the supporting calculations.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. General probability - Basic elements of probability in set notation - Mutually exclusive events - Addition and multiplication rules - Independence of events - Combinatorial probability - Conditional probability and expectations - Bayes theorem / Law of total probability - Random variables 2. Univariate probability distributions (including binomial, negative binomial, geometric, hypergeometric, Poisson, uniform, exponential, chi-square, beta, Pareto, lognormal, gamma, Weibull and normal) and bivariate normal distribution - Probability functions and probability density functions - Cumulative distribution functions - Mode, median, percentiles and moments - Variance and measures of dispersion - Central limit theorem 3. Sampling distributions and introduction of estimation		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand the mathematical theory underlying the modern practice of statistics
	CLO 2	develop skills in probabilistic analysis for problems involving randomness
	CLO 3	apply techniques in probability and statistics to solve actuarial science problems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH1821 [for BSc(ActuarSc) students] or already enrolled in this course, or Pass in MATH1013 or already enrolled in this course [for students outside the BSc(ActuarSc) programme]; and Not for students who have passed or enrolled in any of these courses: STAT1601, STAT1602, STAT1603, STAT2601 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N

Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials	tutorials/example classes	12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Feller, W. (1968). An Introduction to Probability Theory and Its Applications. Wiley, New York. Hassett, M. and Stewart, D. (2006). Probability for Risk Management (2nd Edition). ACTEX Publication: Winsted. Hogg, R.V. and Tanis, E.A. (2009). Probability and Statistical Inference (8th Edition). Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River. Ross, S.M. (2005). A First Course in Probability (7th Edition). Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River. Wackerly, D., Mendenhall, R. and Scheaffer, R. (2008). Mathematical Statistics with Applications. (7th Edition). Thomson Brooks/Cole: California.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT2902	**Financial mathematics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K C Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(kccg@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof K C Cheung,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces the fundamental concepts of financial mathematics which plays an important role in the development of basic actuarial techniques. Practical applications of these concepts are also covered.		
Course Contents & Topics	Key topics include: measurement of interest, annuities certain; discounted cash flow analysis; yield rates; amortization schedules; bonds and related securities; practical applications such as real estate mortgage and short sales; and key terms of financial analysis such as yield curves, spot rates, forward rates, duration, convexity, and immunization.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 understand basic concepts of financial mathematics
	CLO 2 calculate present value, current value, and accumulated value for sequences of non-contingent payments
	CLO 3 understand key concepts concerning loans and perform related calculations
	CLO 4 understand key concepts concerning bonds and perform related calculations
	CLO 5 understand term structure of interest rates and cash flow matching and immunization, to perform related calculations

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2901, or already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3615, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials	tutorials/example classes	12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, class test(s) and participation)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Kellison, S. G.: The Theory of Interest (Irwin: Illinois, 2008, 3rd edition) Broverman, S.A., Mathematics of Investment and Credit (Eighth Edition), 2024, ACTEX Publications.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3010	**Image processing and computer vision (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K Han, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(kaihanx@hku.hk)*		

Teachers Involved	(Prof K Han,Statistics & Actuarial Science)
Course Objectives	The course introduces the fundamentals of image processing and computer vision, covering both theoretical and computational aspects of the subject. On the theoretical aspect, the course introduces mathematical foundations for image processing and computer vision including representation of digital images, image processing techniques, feature detection and extraction, imaging models, stereo vision, image recognition and beyond. On the computational side, algorithms and their implementation are emphasized during the lectures and exercised during tutorials.
Course Contents & Topics	Course content includes the following topics - Imaging systems and representation of digital images; - Image transformation and filtering; - Image resolutions, sub-sampling, interpolation, and color models; - Feature detection and description; - Perspective projection and camera models; - Camera calibration; - Stereo vision; - Deep learning for image recognition and beyond.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the theoretical foundations of image formation, transformation, and filtering CLO 2 understand the theoretical foundations of feature extraction, camera projection, stereo vision, and image recognition CLO 3 design and implement various algorithms for digital image processing and computer vision CLO 4 achieve simple image processing and computer vision tasks on real-world visual data CLO 5 acquire hands-on experience in the use of image processing and computer vision tools
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (MATH2014 or MATH2101 or STAT2602) and (COMP2113 or COMP2119 or COMP2396); and Not for students who have passed in APAI3010, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / One 2-hour written examination / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3 Assignments / Coursework (assignments, tutorials, class test(s) and a group project) / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	David Forsyth and Jean Ponce (2012), Computer Vision: A Modern Approach (2nd ed.), Pearson Richard Szeliski (2022), Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications (2nd ed., PDF available online), Springer Science & Business Media Richard Hartley and Andrew Zisserman (2004), Multiple View Geometry in Computer Vision (2nd ed.), Cambridge University Press
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3021	**Modern biostatistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	Prof D Y Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(doraz@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof D Y Zhang,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed to introduce students the state-of-the-art study designs and statistical analysis methods in biomedical studies including randomized and observational studies, Bayesian inference, phase II and phase III clinical trials and adaptive designs.		
Course Contents & Topics	The following topics will be covered in the course: - Bayesian inference and prediction - diagnostic tests - study design techniques including randomized and observational designs - study of risks - classical clinical trial methods and crossover trial design - sample size calculation for phase II, phase III and adaptive designs - meta analysis		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understanding the basic concepts of study designs		

	CLO 2	understand the type of studies and its associated risk factors and exposure
	CLO 3	design clinical trials and compute sample size and power
	CLO 4	design, implement and monitor phase II and phase III clinical trials
	CLO 5	develop a professional career in pharmaceutical industry

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902; and Not for students who have passed in APAI3021, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and class test(s))	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3600	**Linear statistical analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr C W Kwan, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(cwkwan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C W Kwan,Statistics & Actuarial Science) (Mr H Y Y Cheung,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	The analysis of variability is mainly concerned with locating the sources of the variability. Many statistical techniques investigate these sources through the use of 'linear' models. This course presents the theory and practice of these models.		
Course Contents & Topics	(1) Simple linear regression: least squares method, analysis of variance, coefficient of determination, hypothesis tests and confidence intervals for regression parameters, prediction. (2) Multiple linear regression: least squares method, analysis of variance, coefficient of determination, reduced vs full models, hypothesis tests and confidence intervals for regression parameters, prediction, polynomial regression. (3) One-way classification models: one-way ANOVA, analysis of treatment effects, contrasts. (4) Two-way classification models: interactions, two-way ANOVA for balanced data structures, analysis of treatment effects, contrasts, randomised complete block design. (5) Universal approach to linear modelling: dummy variables, 'multiple linear regression' representation of one-way and two-way (unbalanced) models, ANCOVA models, concomitant variables. (6) Regression diagnostics: leverage, residual plot, normal probability plot, outlier, studentized residual, influential observation, Cook's distance, multicollinearity, model transformation.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand linear regression model with one or multiple independent variables
	CLO 2	understand ANOVA models for one and two factors
	CLO 3	understand general linear model with categorical and continuous independent variables

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOF2014 or STAT2602; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3907, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials and a test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Michael H Kutner, Christopher J. Nachtsheim, John Neter, William Li: Applied Linear Statistical Models (McGraw-Hill/Irwin; 5th edition) Berry, D. A. & Lindgren, B. W.: Statistics: Theory and Methods (Duxbury Belmont, 1996) Draper, N. R. & Smith, H.: Applied Regression Analysis (Wiley, New York, 1998) Krzanowski, W. J.: An Introduction to Statistical Modelling (Arnold, London, 1998) Montgomery, D. C. & Peck, E. A.: Introduction to Linear Regression Analysis (Wiley, New York, 1992)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3602	**Statistical inference (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(smslee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof S M S Lee,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course covers the advanced theory of point estimation, interval estimation and hypothesis testing. Using a mathematically-oriented approach, the course provides a solid and rigorous treatment of inferential problems, statistical methodologies and the underlying concepts and theory. It is suitable in particular for students intending to further their studies or to develop a career in statistical research.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. Decision problem - frequentist approach: loss function; risk; decision rule; admissibility; minimaxity; unbiasedness; Bayes' rule. 2. Decision problem - Bayesian approach: prior and posterior distributions, Bayesian inference. 3. Estimation theory: exponential families; likelihood; sufficiency; minimal sufficiency; completeness; UMVU estimators; information inequality; large-sample theory of maximum likelihood estimation. 4. Hypothesis testing: uniformly most powerful test; monotone likelihood ratio; UMP unbiased test; conditional test; large-sample theory of likelihood ratio; confidence set. 5. Nonparametric inference: bootstrap methods.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	form a panoramic view of classical developments in mathematical statistics
	CLO 2	gain thorough insight into the essentials of statistical inference
	CLO 3	build a solid foundation for future research studies in statistics and related areas

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Berry, D. A. & Lindgren, B. W.: Statistics: Theory and Methods (Duxbury, Belmont, 1996). Bickel, P. J. & Doksum, K. A.: Mathematical Statistics: Basic Ideas and Selected Topics, Vol. 1 (Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 2001). Efron, B. and Tibshirani, R.J. (1993). An Introduction to the Bootstrap. Chapman & Hall: New York. Freund, J. E.: Mathematical Statistics (Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1992). Hogg, R. V. & Craig, A. T.: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics (Macmillan, New York, 1989). Pace, L. & Salvan, A.: Principles of Statistical Inference: from a neo-Fisherian perspective (World Scientific:

	Singapore, 1997). Wasserman, L. (2006). All of Nonparametric Statistics. Springer. Young, G.A. & Smith, R.L.: Essentials of Statistical Inference (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2005).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3603	**Stochastic processes (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C Wang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(stacw@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C Wang,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This is an introductory course in stochastic processes. It will cover the basic concepts of the theory of stochastic processes and explore different types of stochastic processes including Markov chains, Poisson processes and Brownian motions.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to probability theory, conditional probability and expectation, Markov chains, random walk models, classification of states in a Markov chain, calculation of limiting probabilities and mean time spent in transient states, Poisson process, distribution of inter-arrival time and waiting time, conditional distribution of the arrival time, Brownian Motion, hitting time and maximum variable, geometric Brownian motion, the Black-Scholes option pricing formula.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apply the conditioning method to calculate the mean and probability CLO 2 understand the essentials of Markov chains, the Poisson process, and Brownian motion CLO 3 understand how stochastic models can be applied to the study of real-life phenomena		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2601; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3603, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3903, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S. M. Ross: Introduction to Probability Models (9th edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3604	**Design and analysis of experiments (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	23
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	Scientific research often requires proper design and analysis of experiments. This course aims to introduce the basic principles of experimental design; to explain the concepts and to develop the statistical skills in model-based analysis of experiment.		
Course Contents & Topics	Basic principles and guidelines for designing experiments. Analysis for experiments with a single factor, randomised block, crossed and nested factorial structure. Balanced incomplete factorial experiments. Latin squares and related designs. Fixed/random effects models.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 develop a conceptual understanding of experimental design CLO 2 acquire the fundamental statistical tools of experimental design and the understanding to use them appropriately CLO 3 select appropriate experimental designs for different problems CLO 4 select appropriate statistical model and to know how to validate the model		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3611 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D. C. Montgomery: Design and Analysis of Experiments (Wiley, 1997, 4th edition) D. R. Cox: Planning of Experiments (Wiley, 1958) A. L. Edwards: Experimental Design in Psychological Research (Harper & Row, 1985, 5th edition) G. A. Ferguson & Y. Takane: Statistical Analysis in Psychology and Education (McGraw Hill, 1989, 6th edition) C. R. Hicks & K. V. Turner Jr.: Fundamental Concepts in the Design of Experiments (Oxford, 1999, 5th edition) P. W. M. John: Statistical Design and Analysis of Experiments (Macmillan, 1971) R. L. Moson, R. F. Gungst, & J. L. Hess: Statistical Design and Analysis of Experiments (Wiley, 1989)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3605	**Quality control and management (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	The successful control of quality in production is a matter of primary importance to a company's prosperity. This course provides an overview of quality compromise which involves both the producer and the consumer. It presents a variety of statistical solutions including control charts, acceptance and sequential sampling plans, reliability, and life-testing. Contemporary quality management systems such as total quality control, zero defects, six-sigma, and ISO-9000 will be introduced. The student is brought to the frontier of today's quality control and management ideas.		
Course Contents & Topics	Probability distributions and their applications, process variability, sampling and statistical inference. Process control, variables and attributes control charts. Operating characteristic curves. Single, double and sequential sampling plans. MIL-STD-105D and Dodge-Romig schemes. Variables sampling. Reliability and life-testing. Elementary experimental designs. Management of quality control, total quality control, zero defects, six-sigma, and ISO 9000.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	appreciate the practicality of statistical concepts and methods in general
	CLO 2	understand how certain specific statistical methods can benefit various production situations
	CLO 3	know the traditional and modern systems of quality management

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2602 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12

	Reading / Self study			100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	A. J. Duncan: Quality Control and Industrial Statistics (Irwin, Homewoor, 1986, 5th edition) D. C. Montgomery: Statistical Quality Control (New York: Wiley, 1996, 3rd edition) J. Banks: Principles of Quality Control (New York: Wiley, 1989) E. L. Grant & R. S. Leavenworth: Statistical Quality Control (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1988, 6th edition) I. D. Hill: An Introduction to Sampling Inspection (The Institute of Engineering Inspection Monograph, London, 1961) G. B. Wetherill: Sampling Inspection and Quality Control (London: Methuen, 1977, 2nd edition) A. V. Feigenbaum: Total Quality Control (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1983, 3rd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3606	**Business logistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr O T K Choi, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ochoi@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr O T K Choi,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Modern business corporations are increasingly using logistics as a management tool, for example, in capital budgeting problems, production planning, scheduling, transportations and deciding location for a new factory. This course addresses the business applications of logistics.		
Course Contents & Topics	In this course, students will apply the analytical skills with aid of computer techniques in solving the business logistic problems. Topics include optimization techniques applied in allocation of resources, financial planning, transportation, assignment, inventory control and queuing problems.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	solve linear programming with Graphical approach, Simplex method and hands-on Excel Solving function	
	CLO 2	set up and solve network flow problems using least-cost approach, MODI method and Vogel's approximation.	
	CLO 3	understand decision theory and its applications	
	CLO 4	evaluate the cost and effectiveness of service systems	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2601 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2901; and Not for students who have passed MATH3901, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
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	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	Y		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Test	Class test	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	4 assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project reports	Project proposal + Final project written report	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation	Final project presentation	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	B. Render, R. Stair, M. Hanna: Quantitative Analysis for Management, 10th edition, Pearson Wayne L. Winston: Operations Research, 4th edition, Thomson Learning H. Taha: An Introduction to Operations Research, 8th edition, Pearson International Edition F.S. Hillier and G, J. Lieberman: An Introduction to Operations Research Robert F.V. Anderson, Holt, Rinehart and Winston: Introduction to Linear Algebra
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3607	**Statistics in clinical medicine and bio-medical research (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---

Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	
Course Objectives	In clinical research, medical data are often observed which motivates the application of statistical methodology to the clinical observational and decision-making process. Also, statistical problems often arise from clinical trial designs. It involves phase I, II, III and IV clinical trial designs, both Bayesian and frequentist approaches, sample size and power calculation. No knowledge in biology or medicine is assumed; the course provides the necessary biomedical background when the statistical problems are introduced.
Course Contents & Topics	The contents of the course include contingency tables, regression models, survival analysis, categorical data analysis, Bayesian designs, dose-finding methods, sample size and power calculation, phase I, II and III trial designs, hypothesis testing, adaptive designs.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the basic concepts in medical statistics CLO 2 design clinical trials and compute sample sizes CLO 3 conduct statistical inference and apply regression models CLO 4 solve medical problems by using various statistical tests
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	J. Aitchison, J. W. Kay & I. J. Lauder: Statistical Concepts and Applications in Clinical Medicine (Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2004) J. Aitchison & J. Dunsmore: Statistical Prediction Analysis (Cambridge University Press, 1976) P. Armitage: Statistical Methods in Medical Research (Oxford: Blackwell, 1971) P. Armitage: Sequential Medical Trials (Oxford: Blackwell, 1975, 2nd edition) D. Altman: Practical Statistics for Medical Research (London: Chapman & Hall, 1991) N. E. Breslow & N. E. Day: Statistical Methods in Cancer Research Volume 1 - The analysis of case-control studies (Lyon: IARC, 1980) D. R. Cox & E. J. Snell: The Analysis of Binary Data (London: Chapman and Hall, 1989, 2nd edition) D. R. Cox & D. V. Hinkley: Theoretical Statistics (London: Chapman and Hall, 1974)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Other references: E. K. Harris & A. Albert: Survivorship Analysis for Clinical Studies (New York: Marcel Dekker, 1991) B. Jones & M. G. Kenward: Design and Analysis of Cross-Over Trials (London: Chapman and Hall, 1990) B. J. T. Morgan: Analysis of Quantal Response Data (London: Chapman and Hall, 1992) S. J. Pocock: Clinical Trials. A Practical Approach (Chickestes: John Wiley & Sons, 1991) P. McCullagh & J. A. Nelder: Generalised Linear Models (London: Chapman and Hall, 1989, 2nd edition)

STAT3608	**Statistical genetics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	23
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course aims to provide students with a fundamental knowledge of DNA profiling in human identification and genetic epidemiology in gene mapping and to understand how statistical theory and methods are applied to solve forensic DNA and genetic problems.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course will cover the following topics: background of genetics; Mendelian inheritance; Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium; linkage equilibrium; chi-square test; likelihood ratio test; exact test; match probability; paternity testing and kinship analysis; DNA mixed stain; relatedness; population structure; gene mapping; parametric linkage analysis; non-parametric linkage analysis; linkage disequilibrium; association designs; case-control analysis; family-based association study; quantitative traits.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the fundamental principles in statistical DNA forensics and genetic epidemiology		

	CLO 2	know the usefulness and possible limitations of statistical methodology in human identification and gene mapping
	CLO 3	provide statistical solutions to specific problems in the field

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Klug, W. S. and Cummings, M. R.: Essentials of Genetics (Prentice Hall, 2002) Ott, J.: Analysis of Human Genetic Linkage (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999, 3rd ed.) Ziegler, A. and Konig, I.R.: A Statistical Approach to Genetic Epidemiology (Wiley-VCH, 2006) Evett, I. W. and Weir, B. S.: Interpreting DNA Evidence (Sinauer Associates, Inc. Publishers, 1998) Fung, W. K. and Hu, Y. Q.: Statistical DNA Forensics: Theory, Methods and Computation (Wiley, Sussex, 2008)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3609	**The statistics of investment risk (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Mr H Y Y Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(hcheung4@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Mr H Cheung,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Most investments involve some risk. The decision to invest or not is usually made against a background of uncertainty. Whilst prediction of the future is difficult, there are statistical modelling techniques which provide a rational framework for investment decisions, particularly those relating to stock markets and the markets for interest rates, commodities and currencies. Building upon research, both in Hong Kong and abroad, this course presents the prevailing statistical theories for prices and price-change in these vital markets.		
Course Contents & Topics	Concept of market efficiency, mean-variance portfolio theory, capital asset pricing model, arbitrage pricing theory, portfolio performance and management, behavioural finance.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	measure risk and return of portfolios
	CLO 2	apply different approaches in constructing optimal investment portfolios
	CLO 3	explain and apply asset pricing models and evaluate investment performance
	CLO 4	explain the concepts of market efficiency and apply appropriate testing procedures to assess different forms of market efficiency

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602, or already enrolled in this course, or Pass in (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course); and Not for students who have passed in FINA2320, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for BSc(Actuarial Science) students Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y	1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N

Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (participation, assignments, tutorials, class test(s) and a group project)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Bodie, Z., Kane, A., and Marcus, A. J. (2021). Investments (12th Edition). McGraw-Hill. Elton, E. J., Gruber, M. J., Brown, S. J., and Goetzmann, W. N. (2014). Modern Portfolio Theory and Investment Analysis (9th Edition). Wiley. Luenberger, D. G. (2009). Investment Science (International Edition). Oxford University Press. Capinski, M. J. and Kopp, E. (2014). Portfolio Theory and Risk Management. Cambridge University Press. Defusco, R. A., McLeavey, D. W., Pinto, J. E., and Runkle D. E. (2007). Quantitative Investment Analysis, CFA Institute Investment Series (2nd Edition). Wiley. Ruppert, D. (2004). Statistics and Finance: An Introduction. New York: Springer.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3610	**Risk management and insurance (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof A W F Chong, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(chongwf@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof A W F Chong,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course provides knowledge on basic risk and its management, as well as basic financial planning through insurance products, to students. It allows students to understand the statistical, financial and legal principles underlying the techniques for managing the insurable risks faced by organisations and individuals. This course aims at students who have minimal background in quantitative methods, it involves very minimal quantitative calculations.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course introduces and explains: - risk in our society, - insurance and risk, - introduction to risk management, - fundamental legal principles, and analysis of insurance contracts, - life insurance, their contractual provisions, - individual health insurance coverages.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand the general risks faced by organisations and individuals and the generic risk management principle
	CLO 2	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the underlying financial and legal principles of the insurance industry
	CLO 3	understand how risk can be managed through insurance
	CLO 4	compare and contrast different types of commercial and personal insurance products
	CLO 5	plan for and arrange their own personal insurance needs

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2601 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2901. (Not available to Actuarial Science students) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Rejda, G. E.: Principles of Risk Management and Insurance (Pearson Addison Wesley, 10th edition) Trieschmann, J., Hoyt, R. E. and Sommer, D.: Risk Management and Insurance (South-Western, 2005, 12th edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3611	**Computer-aided data analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives

A wide range of statistical analyses and methods are presented using data sets from social sciences research and scientific studies. Measuring uncertainty, describing patterns of variability and the inter-relationship between several variables are essential aspects of scientific investigations that require good understanding of statistics. This computer-oriented but non-mathematical course develops the important concepts and methods of statistics. The course makes extensive use of computers through the user friendly statistical software JMP. No knowledge of a programming language is required.

Course Contents & Topics

Data exploration, formulation of testable hypotheses, the evaluation of evidence and forecasting on the basis of past experience.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	summarize and describe the quantitative and qualitative data using some simple statistical measures
CLO 2	describe the patterns of variability and the inter-relationship between several continuous or discrete variables
CLO 3	carry out simple statistical analyses based on some real life data, formulate testable hypotheses, make appropriate statistical inferences and make interpretations on the findings

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course); and
Not for students who have passed in or have already enrolled in any of these courses: STAT2601, STAT2901, STAT3616
Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, practical work, and a term test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials

G. C. Canavos & D. M. Miller: An Introduction to Modern Business Statistics (Duxbury Press, 1999, 2nd edition)
E. R. Babbie: The Practice of Social Research (Wadsworth Pub. Co., Belmont, 7th edition)
J. E. Freund & G. A. Simon: Statistics - A First Course (Prentice Hall, 7th edition)
R. Hooke: How to tell the liars from the Statisticians (Marcel Dekker)
D. G. Kleinbaum, L. L. Kupper, & K. E. Muller: Applied Regression Analysis and Other Multivariable Methods (Duxbury Press, 1988, 2nd edition)
D. M. Levine, M. L. Berenson, & D. Stephan: Statistics for Managers - Using Microsoft Excel (Prentice Hall, 2nd edition)

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

Additional Course Information

CogSc or CompSc students having taken STAT1301 should obtain approval from the dept.

Other reference:
J. T. McClave & F. H. Dietrich II: Statistics (Maxwell Macmillian, 5th ed.)
M. R. Middleton: Data Analysis Using Microsoft EXCEL 5.0 (Duxbury)
J. Neter, W. Wasserman, & G. A. Whitmore: Applied Statistics (Allyn and Bacon)
P. Newbold: Statistics for Business and Economics (Prentice-Hall, International Editions, 3rd ed.)
I. Olkin, L. J. Gleser, & C. Derman: Probability Models and Applications (Prentice-Hall, 2nd ed.)
J. G. Peatman: Introduction to Applied Statistics (Harper)

STAT3612	**Statistical machine learning (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L Yu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(lqyu@hku.hk)*		

Teachers Involved	(Prof L Qu,Statistics & Actuarial Science) (Prof L Yu,Statistics & Actuarial Science)
Course Objectives	Machine learning is the study of computer algorithms that build models of observed data in order to make predictions or decisions. Statistical machine learning emphasizes the importance of statistical methodology in the algorithmic development. This course provides a comprehensive and practical coverage of essential machine learning concepts and a variety of learning algorithms under supervised and unsupervised settings.
Course Contents & Topics	Basics of machine learning, linear regression, logistic regression, regularization, cross-validation, tree-based methods, dimension reduction, principal component analysis, cluster analysis, neural network basics and deep models.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 get familiar with the workflow of a data science or machine learning project CLO 2 understand and apply a wide range of statistical machine learning methods, and recognize their characteristics, strengths and weaknesses CLO 3 identify and use appropriate techniques for a particular data science project CLO 4 evaluate the quality of the resulting model in terms of prediction accuracy and model explainability CLO 5 apply Python programming for solving data-scientific problems
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907, or already enrolled in this course; and Pass in COMP1117 or ENGG1330 or STAT2604; and Not for students who have passed in STAT4904, or already enrolled in this course; and Not for BSc(Actuarial Science) students. BSc(Actuarial Science) students are advised to take STAT4904 Statistical learning for risk modelling instead. Recommended: proficiency in Python and programming assignments will require the use of Python Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / / 36 Tutorials / / 12 Reading / Self study / / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Test / / 30 / CLO 2, 3 Assignments / / 30 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 5 Project reports / / 40 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. James, G., Witten, D., Hastie, T., Tibshirani, R., and Taylor J. (2023). An Introduction to Statistical Learning with Applications in Python, Springer, New York. https://hastie.su.domains/ISLP/ISLP_website.pdf.download.html 2. Hastie, T., Tibshirani, R., and Friedeman, J. (2009). The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction. Second Edition, Springer, New York. https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/ElemStatLearn/ 3. Géron, A. (2019). Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn and TensorFlow, OReilly. https://github.com/ageron/handson-ml2
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3613	**Marketing analytics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Dr C W Kwan, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(cwkwan@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C W Kwan,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed to provide an overview and practical application of trends, technology and methodology used in the marketing survey process including problem formulation, survey design, data collection and analysis, and report writing. Special emphasis will be put on statistical techniques particularly for analysing marketing data including market segmentation, market response models, consumer preference analysis and conjoint analysis. Students will analyse a variety of marketing case studies.		
Course Contents & Topics	Marketing decision models, Market response models, Survey research, Statistical methods for segmentation, Statistical methods for positioning, Statistical methods for new product design		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 develop hands-on skills of curve fitting and analyzing data with SAS procedures or R packages CLO 2 understand marketing decision models CLO 3 understand cluster analysis, factor analysis, multidimensional scaling, correspondence analysis, conjoint analysis, choice models, confirmatory factor analysis, and discriminant analysis in market segmentation, positioning and new product design		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2601 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2		

and Impermissible combinations)	course) or STAT2901 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, a class test and a group project)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Lattin J., Carroll J.D. and Green P.E.: Analysing multivariate data (Thomson) Malhotra, Naresh: Marketing Research: An Applied Orientation (Pearson, 2010, 6th ed.) Johnson R., Wichern D.: Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis (Prentice Hall, 5th ed.) Lilien G.L. and Rangaswamy A.: Marketing Engineering (Prentice Hall, 2003, 2nd ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3614	**Business forecasting (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	In daily business operations, forecasts are routinely required on different aspects of the economy, the market and individual companies. Numerous statistical techniques have been developed in the past decades to provide forecasts for the business decision-maker. This course considers a wide range of such techniques that have proven useful to practitioners. The course will involve the use of computer software, EXCEL, in the teaching process.		
Course Contents & Topics	Review of basic statistical concepts; autocorrelation analysis; evaluation and combination of forecasts; moving averages and smoothing methods; simple linear regression; multiple regression; growth curves; time series regression; the handling of seasonal cycles; decomposition methods.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand data patterns and choose a suitable forecasting techniques
CLO 2	understand forecasting methods: moving averages and smoothing methods, decomposition and winter's methods, simple and multiple linear regression
CLO 3	develop hands-on skills of analyzing business data with computer software, EXCEL, and its add-ins functions

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in BIOL2102 or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course); and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of these courses: STAT2601, STAT2901, STAT3907, STAT4601, ECON2280. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1
Required/recommended reading and online materials	J. E. Hanke, D. W. Wichern, & A. G. Reitsch: Business Forecasting (Prentice Hall, 2009, 9th ed.) P. E. Gaynor & R. C. Kirkpatrick: Introduction to Time-series Modelling and Forecasting in Business and Economics (McGraw-Hill, 1994) P. Newbold & T. Bos: Introductory Business & Economic Forecasting (ITP, 1994)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	Also available to CompSc students having taken STAT1301. Students should obtain approval from the course coordinator before choosing this course.			

STAT3615	**Practical mathematics for investment (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K C Yuen, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(kcyuen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof K C Yuen,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces the fundamental concepts of financial mathematics which plays an important role in the development of basic actuarial techniques. Practical applications of these concepts are also covered.		
Course Contents & Topics	Key topics include: measurement of interest, annuities certain; discounted cash flow analysis; yield rates; amortization schedules and sinking funds; bonds and related securities; practical applications such as real estate mortgage and short sales; stochastic approaches to interest; and key terms of financial analysis such as yield curves, spot rates, forward rates, duration, convexity, and immunization.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand basic concepts of financial mathematics	
	CLO 2	understand and formulate elementary financial problems	
	CLO 3	apply compound interest theory to tackle some practical financial problems	
	CLO 4	show an understanding of the term structure of interest rates	
	CLO 5	show an understanding of simple stochastic models for investment returns	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course) or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2601 or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course) or STAT2901; and Not for students who have passed in STAT2902, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, class test(s) and participation)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Kellison, S. G.: The Theory of Interest (Irwin: Illinois, 2008, 3rd edition) Broverman, S. A.: Mathematics of Investment and Credit (ACTEX Publications - Mad River Books: Connecticut, 2004, 3rd edition)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT3616	**Advanced SAS programming (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course aims to equip students, who have taken STAT2603, with a high level of proficiency in SAS programming for automation of procedures and data processing in solving complex problems more efficiently.		
Course Contents & Topics	Overview of SAS underlying parts. Macro programming. Advanced programming techniques including data simulation, advanced data look-up techniques, modifying transaction datasets and controlling I/O processing and memory.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 Understand the system of SAS and basic programming CLO 2 Use the BY statement for parallel processing to aid automation CLO 3 Use the output dataset without printing to OUTPUT windows for piping idea in automation CLO 4 Use SAS MACRO to develop customized and automated applications CLO 5 Use advanced SAS programming statements and techniques to solve complex problems
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2601 or STAT2901 (Students are strongly recommended to take STAT2603 or STAT2604 prior to taking this course.) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	SAS Certification Prep Guide: Advanced Programming for SAS 9, Third Edition. Carpenter, A.: Carpenters Complete Guide to the SAS Macro Language. Second Edition. (North Carolina: SAS Institute Inc., 2004)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3617	**Sample survey methods (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr O T K Choi, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ochoi@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr O T K Choi,Statistics & Actuarial Science) (Prof F W H Ho,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course will cover design and implementation of sample surveys and analysis of statistical data thus obtained. Survey design includes overall survey design, design of sampling schemes and questionnaires, etc. Sampling methods include sample size determination, sampling and non-sampling errors and biases, methods of estimation of parameters from survey data, imputation for missing data etc.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics may include: survey design and planning; survey quality and ethics; implementation matters like management of survey staff, respondent relationship and logistical issues; and sampling methods like simple random sampling, systematic sampling, stratified sampling, cluster sampling, multi-stage sampling, sample size determination, post-stratification, ratio and regression estimation methods, non-sampling errors and biases, non-responses and missing data. Case studies of major applications of sample survey methods in the public and private sectors, with some examples on the analysis and application of the statistical data thus produced, will be discussed.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the various steps to be taken in the planning and implementation of sample surveys CLO 2 design different sample schemes and select the most efficient and suitable one for adoption for a particular survey - make statistical inference on parameters based on a sample CLO 3 judge whether the statistics presented by other survey takers are trustworthy		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass or already enrolled in BIOL2102, or (ECON1280 and any University level 2 course), or (STAT1601 and any University level 2 course), or (STAT1602 and any University level 2 course), or STAT2601, or (STAT1603 and any University level 2 course), or STAT2901. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply		

		knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S. L. Lohr: Sampling: Design and Analysis, 2nd edition (Duxbury Press, 2010) R. L. Scheaffer, W. Mendenhall, & R. L. Ott: Elementary Survey Sampling (Duxbury Press, 2011, 7th edition) W. G. Cochran: Sampling Techniques (John Wiley & Sons Ltd., 1997) R. M. Groves, F. J. Fowler, M. P. Couper, J. M. Lepkowski, E. Singer, R. Tourangeau: Survey Methodology (John Wiley & Sons Ltd., 2009, 2nd edition) L. Kish: Survey Sampling (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1995) P. Salant & D. A. Dillman: How to Conduct Your Own Survey (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1994)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3618	**Derivatives and risk management (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M Zhu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M Zhu,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Nowadays all risk managers must be well versed in the use and valuation of derivatives. The two basic types of derivatives are forwards (having a linear payoff) and options (having a non-linear payoff). All other derivatives can be decomposed to these underlying payoffs or alternatively they are variations on these basic ideas. This course aims at demonstrating the practical use of financial derivatives in risk management. Emphases are on pricing and hedging strategies, and the no-arbitrage principle.		
Course Contents & Topics	Review of futures, forwards and options and the no-arbitrage principle; hedging strategies using futures; pricing of forwards and futures; interest rate futures and swaps; trading strategies using options; put-call parity; valuation of European and American options using the binomial-tree model; valuation of European and American options using the Black-Scholes option pricing model; the Greeks: their calculation and interpretation; implied volatility; delta hedging and the role of market-makers; exotic options: Asian options, barrier options, compound options, gap options and exchange options.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 use futures, forwards, options and swaps to formulate financial strategies
	CLO 2 determine the payoff and the value of various derivative products using binomial tree and Black-Scholes formula
	CLO 3 explain how derivative products can be used as tools to manage financial risk
	CLO 4 recognize how to decompose complicated derivatives into a portfolio of standard derivatives

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3615; and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: FINA2322, MATH3906, STAT3905; and Not for BSc(Actuarial Science) students. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and class test(s))	40	CLO 1, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	McDonald, R. L. (2013). Derivatives Markets (3rd Edition). Pearson. Hull, J. C. (2018). Options, Futures, and Other Derivatives (10th Edition). Pearson. Hull, J. C. (2018). Risk Management and Financial Institutions (5th Edition). Wiley.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3620	**Modern nonparametric statistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr C Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(zhangcys@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr C Zhang,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	The course aims to acquaint students with the fundamentals, basic properties and use of classical and modern nonparametric statistical methods for data analysis.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics may include: order-statistics; goodness-of-fit tests; rank tests for single-sample and two-independent samples; tests for designed experiments; permutation tests; tests for trends and association; jackknife and bootstrapping methods; nonparametric regression.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 identify appropriate nonparametric methods for analyzing data CLO 2 perform a variety of nonparametric statistical analyses CLO 3 gain a working proficiency in the use of statistical software for data management and performing basic nonparametric statistical analyses CLO 4 effectively communicate findings and conclusions		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials and a class test)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Alvo, M. and Yu, P.L.H.: Statistical Methods for Ranking Data (Springer, 2014) Gibbons, J.D. and Chakraborti, S.: Nonparametric Statistical Inference, 5th edition (CRC press, 2011) Higgins, James: Introduction to Modern Nonparametric Statistics (Duxbury Press, 2004) Sprent, P. and Smeeton, N.C.: Applied Nonparametric Statistical Methods, 4th edition (CRC press, 2007) Wasserman, L.: All of Nonparametric Statistics (Springer, 2016)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3621	**Statistical data analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof E C H Fong, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(chefong@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof E C H Fong,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Building on prior coursework in statistical methods and modeling, students will gain a deeper understanding of the entire process of data analysis, using both frequentist and Bayesian tools. The course aims to develop skills of model selection and hypotheses formulation so that questions of interest can be properly formulated and answered. An important element deals with model review and improvement, when one's first attempt does not adequately fit the data. Students will learn how to explore the data, build reliable models, and communicate the results of data analysis to a variety of audiences.		
Course Contents & Topics	Descriptive statistics, presentation and visualization of data; Simple statistical analyses for the one-sample and two-sample case; Regression analyses: model fitting; variable selection and model diagnostic checking; Bayesian inference: prior distributions, conjugate models, posterior summaries, Bayesian hypothesis testing; Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). Real data sets will be presented for modelling and analysis using statistical software for gaining hands-on experience.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 identify the association among several continuous or discrete variables		

	CLO 2	summarize and describe quantitative and qualitative properties of data using simple appropriate statistical measures
	CLO 3	carry out comprehensive statistical analyses on real data using frequentist and conjugate Bayesian techniques for regression, hypothesis testing and model selection
	CLO 4	formulate testable hypotheses, carry out appropriate statistical inferences, interpret findings and summarize in written reports

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 (Students are strongly recommended to take STAT2604 prior to taking this course.) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
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Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments and a class test)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. An Introduction to Statistical Learning, with Applications in R, by James, Witten, Hastie and Tibshirani (Springer, 2013) 2. Learning R: A Step-by-Step Function Guide to Data Analysis, by Richard Cotton (Author) 3. Bayesian Data Analysis, by Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Dunson, Vehtari and Rubin (CRC Press, 2013). http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~gelman/book/
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3622	**Data visualization (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof D Y Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(doraz@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof D Y Zhang,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course will focus on how to work with statistical graphics, graphics that display statistical data, to communicate and analyze data. Students will learn a set of tools such as R to create these graphics and critically evaluate them.		
Course Contents & Topics	Grammar of graphics, visualizing patterns over time, visualizing relationship, visualizing spatial relationships, visualizing texts.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	choose the best chart that fits the data
	CLO 2	create a compelling visualization using computer software
	CLO 3	communicate effectively using statistical graphics
	CLO 4	critically evaluate graphics and suggest improvements

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
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	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N			

Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Project reports	written report	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Presentation	oral presentation and in-class discussion	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Yau, Nathan (2011). Visualize This: The FlowingData Guide to Design, Visualization, and Statistics. Wiley. Tufle, Edwards R. (2001). The Visual Display of Quantitative Information. 2nd edition, Graphics Press. Chang, Winston (2013). R Graphics Cookbook. O Reilly Media. Murray, Dan (2013). Tableau Your Data!: Fast and Easy Visual Analysis with Tableau Software. Wiley. King, Ritchie, S. (2014). Visual Storytelling with D3: An Introduction to Data Visualization in JavaScript. Addison-Wesley.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3655	**Survival analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y Gu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(yugu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y Gu,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is concerned with how models which predict the survival pattern of humans or other entities are established. This exercise is sometimes referred to as survival-model construction.		
Course Contents & Topics	The nature and properties of parametric and nonparametric survival models will be studied. Topics to be covered include: the introduction of some important basic quantities like the hazard function and survival function; some commonly used parametric survival models; concepts of censoring and/or truncation; parametric estimation of the survival distribution by maximum likelihood estimation method; nonparametric estimation of the survival functions from possibly censored samples by means of the Kaplan-Meier estimator, the Nelson-Aalen estimator; and the kernel density estimator or the Ramlau-Hansen estimator and comparisons of k independent survival functions by means of the generalized log-rank test; parametric regression models; Cox's semiparametric proportional hazards regression model; and multivariate survival analysis.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	acquire a clear understanding of the nature of failure time data or survival data, a generalization of the concept of death and life
	CLO 2	perform estimation for some commonly used survival models under different types of censoring mechanisms
	CLO 3	analyze survival data using the Cox's semiparametric proportional hazards model
	CLO 4	extend the Cox's model to a multivariate setup to accommodate multivariate survival data

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Cox, D. R. and Oakes, D.: Analysis of Survival Data (Chapman and Hall, 1984) Hosmer, D. W. and Lemeshow, S.: Applied Survival Analysis: Regression Modeling of Time to Event Data (Wiley, 1999) Klein, J. P. and Moeschberger, M. L.: Survival Analysis: Techniques for Censored and Truncated Data (Springer Verlag, New York, 2005, 2nd ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3799	Directed studies in statistics (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Quota	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(smslee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers as the assessors of oral presentations and written reports,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	To enhance students' knowledge of a particular topic and students' self-directed learning and critical thinking skills.		
Course Contents & Topics	The student undertakes a self-managed study on a topic in statistics under the supervision of a staff member. The topic is preferably one not sufficiently covered in the regular curriculum. The directed study can be a critical review or a synthesis of published work on the subject, or a laboratory or field study that would enhance students' understanding of the subject. The project may not require an element of originality.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 gain first-hand experience in solving a research or applied problem in statistics or related areas		
	CLO 2 develop skills in important technical tools, including the use of computer software or programs, for typical statistical research and data analyses		
	CLO 3 write succinct reports on the findings of a research study		
	CLO 4 make concise oral presentation of the findings of a research study		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics Majors; and Not for students who have already enrolled in STAT4799 in this academic year. This capstone course is only for students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and subject to the consent of course coordinator. This course is mutually exclusive with STAT4710. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should show considerable additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.]		
	B Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	C Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	D Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		
	Fail Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Project-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Reading / Self study	discussion & meetings to be arranged by the student & the supervisor	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Research report	written report	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Oral presentation	oral presentation & in-class discussion	40	CLO 1, 2, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3901	Life contingencies I (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K P Wat, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(watkp@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K P Wat,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	The major objectives of this course are to integrate life contingencies into a full probabilistic framework. The time-until-death random variable is the basic building block by which models for life insurances, designed to reduce the financial impact of the random event of untimely death, are developed. This course introduces the concepts of life contingencies and the basic mathematical skills for modelling life insurance products.		
Course Contents & Topics	Key topics include: survival distributions; life table functions; select and ultimate tables; life insurance models; life annuity models; loss-at-issue random variable; benefit premiums.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1 calculate the expected values, variances, probabilities, and percentiles for survival-time random variables		
	CLO 2 define the continuous survival-time random variable that arises from the discrete survival-time random variable using some assumptions for fractional ages		
	CLO 3 define present-value-of-benefit random variables defined on survival-time random variables		
	CLO 4 define and calculate the expected values, variances and probabilities for present-value-of-benefit random variables, present-value-of-loss-at-issue random variables, and present-value-of-loss random variables		
	CLO 5 calculate benefit premiums for life insurances and annuities		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	(Pass in STAT2602 and STAT3615) or (Pass in STAT2902 and (Pass in STAT3902 or already enrolled in this course)) or (Pass in STAT2602 and STAT2902) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	Examination	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to		

		apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 3-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, class test(s) and participation)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Bowers, N. L., Gerber, H. U., Hickman, J. C., Jones, D. A., and Nesbitt, C. J. (1997). Actuarial Mathematics (2nd Edition). The Society of Actuaries. Dickson, D. C. M., Hardy, M. R., and Waters, H. R. (2020). Actuarial Mathematics for Life Contingent Risks (3rd Edition). Cambridge University Press.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3902	**Mathematical statistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M Hofert, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(mhofert@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M Hofert,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course provides a rigorous introduction to fundamental concepts in probability and mathematical statistics, including stochastic modelling, independence and dependence, summary statistics, conditional expectation and distributions, asymptotic theory, point and interval estimation and hypothesis testing. It is an approved Validation by Educational Experience (VEE) course by the Society of Actuaries (SOA).		
Course Contents & Topics	Probability spaces, random variables and random vectors, univariate and multivariate distribution functions, empirical distribution functions, quantile functions, independence and dependence, covariance, correlation, multivariate notions, conditional expectation and distributions, modes of convergence, continuous mapping theorem and Slutsky's theorem, strong law of large numbers, central limit theorem, estimation concepts, constructing uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimators, exact and asymptotic confidence intervals, nonparametric bootstrap, method of moments estimator, maximum likelihood estimator and asymptotic properties, hypothesis testing concepts, size and power, p-values, (uniformly) most powerful tests, likelihood ratio test.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the fundamentals of probability in the univariate and multivariate case
CLO 2	understand the fundamentals of probabilistic modelling
CLO 3	learn about concepts in mathematical statistics
CLO 4	understand the concepts of point estimation, interval estimation and hypothesis testing

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2901; and Not for students who have passed in STAT2602, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Casella G., Berger R. L.: Statistical Inference, 2nd edition, Duxbury, 2001.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3903	**Stochastic models (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K Zhu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(mazhuke@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof K Zhu,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This is an introductory course in stochastic processes. It will cover the basic concepts of the theory of stochastic processes and explore different types of stochastic processes including Markov chains, Poisson processes and Brownian motions.		
Course Contents & Topics	Introduction to probability theory, conditional probability and expectation, Markov chains, random walk models, classification of states in a Markov chain, calculation of limiting probabilities and mean time spent in transient states, Poisson process, distribution of inter-arrival time and waiting time, conditional distribution of the arrival time, Brownian Motion, hitting time and maximum variable, geometric Brownian motion, the Black-Scholes option pricing formula, Gaussian bridge, and stationary processes. Birth-and-death process, branching process and renewal process may also be covered (if time permits).		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	apply the conditioning method to calculate the mean and probability	
	CLO 2	understand the essentials of Markov chains, the Poisson process, and Brownian motion	
	CLO 3	understand how stochastic models can be applied to the study of real-life phenomena	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2901; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3603, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3603, or have already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	S. M. Ross: Introduction to Probability Models (9th edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3904	**Corporate finance for actuarial science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr D Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(leedav@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr D Lee,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is designed for actuarial science students to receive finance component of VEE Accounting and Finance from the Society of Actuaries. The objective of this course is to introduce students to the fundamental principles of corporate finance. The course will provide students with a systematic framework within which to evaluate investment and financing decisions for corporations.		
Course Contents & Topics	The first part of the course will give an introduction to corporate finance and provide an overview of some topics covered in STAT2902 and STAT3615. These include financial markets and companies, time value of money, and measures and performance assessment of financial performance. The main part of the course will focus on some important topics of corporate finance including: portfolio theory, utility theory, Markowitz mean-variance analysis, capital asset pricing model, weighted average cost of capital, market efficiency and behavioural finance, capital structure and dividend policy, financial leverage and firm value.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	describe the tasks of a financial manager and the financial decisions made by a corporation
	CLO 2	recall the use of present and future values in calculating the value of bonds and stocks
	CLO 3	assess financial performance using various investment criteria and techniques of project analysis
	CLO 4	analyze the mean-variance portfolio theory, capital asset pricing model and arbitrage pricing theory
	CLO 5	identify the factors to be considered by a company when deciding on its capital structure and dividend policy, and also the impact of financial leverage and long/short term financing policies on capital structure
	CLO 6	describe the various forms of market efficiency, and explain investor behaviour using behavioural finance theories
	CLO 7	explain the core features of the utility theory
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	[(Pass in ACCT1101 and STAT2902) or (Pass in STAT3615)]; and Not for students who have passed in FINA1310, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.	
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Brealey, R.A., Myers, S.C., Allen, F.: Principles of Corporate Finance (McGraw-Hill, 2020, 13th edition) Berk, J., DeMarzo, P.: Corporate Finance (Pearson, 2020, 5th edition)	
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk	

STAT3905	**Introduction to financial derivatives (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T Boonen, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(tjboonen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T Boonen,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Nowadays all risk managers must be well versed in the use and valuation of derivatives. The two basic types of derivatives are forwards (having a linear payoff) and options (having a non-linear payoff). All other derivatives can be decomposed to these underlying payoffs or alternatively they are variations on these basic ideas. This course aims at demonstrating the practical use of financial derivatives in risk management. Emphases are on pricing and hedging strategies, and the no-arbitrage principle.		
Course Contents & Topics	Derivatives; short-selling; call options; put options; equity-linked CD; trading strategies; hedging; forwards and futures; commodity swaps; interest rate swaps; put-call parity; binomial model; Black-Scholes option pricing model.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	define and recognize the definitions of terms commonly used in derivatives markets	
	CLO 2	evaluate the payoff, profit, and properties of basic derivative contracts, including forwards, futures, options	
	CLO 3	explain how derivative securities can be used as tools to manage financial risk	
	CLO 4	calculate option price using binomial model and Black-Scholes option pricing model	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2902; and Not for students who have passed or already enrolled in any of the following courses: FINA2322, MATH3906, STAT3618; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply

		knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	McDonald, R. L. (2013). Derivatives Markets (3rd Edition). Pearson. Hull, J. C. (2018). Options, Futures, and Other Derivatives (10th Edition). Pearson. Hull, J. C. (2018). Risk Management and Financial Institutions (5th Edition). Wiley.			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT3906	**Risk theory I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K C Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(kccg@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof K C Cheung,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Risk theory is one of the main topics in actuarial science. Risk theory is the applications of statistical models and stochastic processes to insurance problems such as the premium calculation.		
Course Contents & Topics	Severity models; frequency models; collective risk models; coverage modifications; risk measures.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand the individual risk model and the collective risk model, evaluate the distribution and expectation of the total claim amounts	
	CLO 2	estimate the premium of a policyholder and the total claim amounts using the information of the claim amounts made in previous years	
	CLO 3	calculate some commonly used risk measures and explain their use and limitation	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3903, or already enrolled in this course; or Pass in MATH3603 or STAT3603 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Lecture-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Lectures			36
	Tutorials			12
	Reading / Self study			100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Klugman S. A., Panjer H. H., & Willmot G. E.: Loss Models: From Data to Decisions (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2019, 5th edition)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT3907	**Linear models and forecasting (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Mr H Y Y Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(hcheung4@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Mr H Y Y Cheung,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course deals with applied statistical methods of linear models and investigates various forecasting procedures through using linear models and time series analysis.		

Course Contents & Topics	Regression and multiple linear regression; predicting; generalized linear models; time series models including autoregressive, moving average, autoregressive-moving average and integrated models; forecasting.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 fit a simple or multiple linear regression model to real data CLO 2 do ANOVA analysis CLO 3 identify and fit a suitable AR, MA or ARMA model to real data CLO 4 perform residual analysis CLO 5 do forecasting with these fitted models CLO 6 fit generalized linear model to real data
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902, or already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3600, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT4601, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in ECON2280, or have already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, a computer-based assessment and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R. S. Pindyck & D. L. Rubinfeld: Econometric Models and Economic Forecasts (McGraw-Hill, 1998, 4th edition) Abraham & J. Ledolter: Statistical Methods for Forecasting (John Wiley & Sons, 2005, 2nd edition) G. E. P. Box, G. M. Jenkins & G. Reinsel: Time Series Analysis: Forecasting and Control (Prentice Hall, 1994, 3rd edition) G James, D Witten, T Hastie and R Tibshirani (2021) An Introduction to Statistical Learning with Applications in R, second edition, Springer.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3908	**Credibility theory and loss modelling (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M Hofert, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(mhofert@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M Hofert,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Credibility theory concerns the construction of statistical estimators in order to obtain more reliable ones, for example for premium calculations. Different approaches to credibility theory are introduced (limited fluctuation, Bayesian, greatest accuracy). Loss modelling is at the core of actuarial science and parametric and nonparametric methods for point and interval estimation, as well as model assessment and selection are covered.		
Course Contents & Topics	Limited fluctuation approach (full credibility, partial credibility); Bayesian methodology and credibility (conditioning, Bayesian modelling, pure and Bayesian premium); greatest accuracy credibility (Buhlmann model, Buhlmann--Straub model); mathematical statistics (point estimation, interval estimation); parametric estimation (method of moment, quantile matching, maximum likelihood); nonparametric estimation (empirical distribution, survival and hazard rate function, kernel density); modified data (grouped, truncated, censored); model assessment and selection.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand limited fluctuation credibility (full and partial credibility) and greatest accuracy credibility (Buhlmann and Buhlmann-Straub) CLO 2 learn about Bayesian methodology CLO 3 understand main concepts of mathematical statistics CLO 4 learn about parametric and nonparametric estimation CLO 5 understand data modifications (grouping, truncation, censoring) CLO 6 learn about model assessment and selection		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902 or STAT3906 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Klugman S. A., Panjer H. H., & Willmot G. E.: Loss Models: From Data to Decisions (John Wiley & Sons, 2019, 5th edition).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3909	**Life contingencies II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr D Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(leedav@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr D Lee,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course aims at introducing further topics in life insurance. Emphasis will be placed on applications of more advanced theories of life contingencies.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course is a continuation of the materials covered in STAT3901. We shall discuss the following topics: expenses and asset shares; Thiele's differential equation and policy values at fractional years; multiple state models and their applications in multiple decrement and multiple life theories; profit testing.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 incorporate expenses in gross premium and calculate policy values based on the gross premium for life insurances and annuities
	CLO 2 apply the recursion formula and Thiele's differential equation in calculating policy values
	CLO 3 calculate probabilities and actuarial present values under the multiple state model framework
	CLO 4 analyze multiple decrement models and calculate the life insurances and annuities in models with multiple decrements
	CLO 5 analyze multiple life models and calculate the life insurances and annuities in models with multiple lives
	CLO 6 explain the concept of profit testing and perform relevant calculations

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3901, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
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	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**

	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, a computer-based assessment and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Bowers. N.L., Gerber, H.U., Hickman, J.C., Jones, D.A., and Nesbitt, C.J.: Actuarial Mathematics (Society of Actuaries, 1997, 2nd edition) Dickson, D.C.M., Hardy, M.R., and Waters, H.R.: Actuarial Mathematics for Life Contingent Risks (Cambridge University Press, 2020, 3rd edition)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT3910	**Financial economics I (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A Lo, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(amb10@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A Lo,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is on option pricing and hedging. The course will concentrate on the theory and idea of derivatives pricing and risk management.		
Course Contents & Topics	Option market; European and American options; conditional expectation and discrete-time martingale, discrete-time option pricing theory; true probabilities vs. risk-neutral probabilities; estimating volatility; the Black-Scholes formula; implied volatility; option Greeks; market-making and hedging; exotic options. For the purposes of Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) exemptions by accreditation, your score will be based on the Final Exam (70%) and a computer-based assignment (30%).		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	understand the Black-Scholes formula, including the assumptions, the Greek letters, option elasticity, and implied volatility	
	CLO 2	understand the hedging strategies and portfolio, market-maker risk, self-financing portfolio	
	CLO 3	understand the market-maker's profit	
	CLO 4	understand exotic options, including Asian options, barrier options, compound options, gap options, and exchange options	
	CLO 5	understand discrete-time martingales and option pricing theory	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 or STAT3902; and Not for students who have passed in FINA2322, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3906, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, a computer-based assessment and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. Derivatives Markets, Chapters 12-14, 2nd edition or later edition, by Robert L. McDonald. 2. Options, Futures and Other Derivatives, 4th or later edition, by J. Hull.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3911	**Financial economics II (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof W Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(wylsaas@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof W Li,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Stochastic calculus has become an essential tool in economics, insurance, finance, and econometrics nowadays. It serves as the foundation for pricing financial derivatives, including options and futures. In this course, students shall study basic stochastic calculus theory and its applications in financial economics. They will be skillful in using Ito calculus and know its applications in asset pricing and interest rate models. In addition, students will work in groups to prepare and present hot financial topics. They will practice their presentation skills in public speaking and report writing.		

Course Contents & Topics	Brownian motion; introduction to stochastic calculus; arithmetic and geometric Brownian motion; Ito formula; Sharpe ratio and risk premium; Black-Scholes equation; risk-neutral stock-price process and option pricing; option's elasticity and volatility; Vasicek, Cox-Ingersoll-Ross, and Black-Derman-Toy models; delta-hedging for bonds and the Sharpe-ratio equality constraint; Black's model; options on zero-coupon bonds; interest-rate caps and caplets.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understanding measure theory based probability theory CLO 2 understanding conditional probability and martingales CLO 3 understand Brownian motion and Ito calculus CLO 4 understanding Black-Scholes option pricing theory CLO 5 understanding interest rate models, such as Vasicek and Cox-Ingersoll-Ross models CLO 6 be logical to deliver his/her own analysis through a written report CLO 7 be confident to express his/her own analytic and strategic ideas through a slide presentation
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in MATH3603 or STAT3603 or STAT3903 or STAT3910; and Not for students who have passed in MATH3906, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	One 3-hour written examination	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	20	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Project reports	A group-written report (a series of scientific writing workshops will be provided)	20	CLO 6
Presentation	A group slide presentation (a series of presentation workshops will be provided)	20	CLO 7

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Robert L. McDonald: Derivatives Markets (2nd edition), Chapters 20, 21 and 24. John Hull: Options, Futures and Other Derivatives (2008, 7th edition) Alison Etheridge: A Course in Financial Calculus (2002) Steven Shreve: Stochastic Calculus for Finance II Continuous-Time Models (2008)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3951	**Topics on advanced actuarial modelling (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr D Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(leedav@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr D Lee,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course covers more advanced actuarial models and techniques used in the field of life and non-life insurance.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics include: estimation of transition intensities; graduation and related tests; unit-linked contracts; cost of guarantees and options; equity-linked life-contingent insurance products and their valuation; extreme value theory; copulas; simple ruin models for non-life insurance portfolios.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 estimate age-dependent transition intensities CLO 2 explain the concept of graduation and apply statistical tests for mortality table comparisons CLO 3 apply the Esscher transform on probability distributions and stochastic processes CLO 4 price various equity-linked insurance products using Esscher transforms and risk-neutral methods CLO 5 apply the extreme value theory on univariate data sets CLO 6 describe the properties of common copula models and apply such models to capture the dependence structures of different risks CLO 7 formulate simple ruin models and evaluate ruin probabilities as well as related quantities		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3906, or already enrolled in this course; and Pass in STAT3910, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Subject CS2 Risk Modelling and Survival Analysis, Core Principles, Core Reading (Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, 2022) Denuit M., Dhaene J., Goovaerts M., Kaas R.: Actuarial Theory for Dependent Risks (Wiley, 2005) Coles S.: An Introduction to Statistical Modeling of Extreme Values (Springer, 2001)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3952	**Investment and asset management (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	The main objective of this course is to introduce students to some of the methods and procedures commonly used in the management of an investment portfolio. Emphasis will be placed on methods to tackle problems faced by insurance industry such as investment strategy formulation and interest rate risk management.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course provides an overview on the problems faced by actuaries when applying fundamental actuarial concepts to investment practice. This course will cover the following topics: Investment Management Process, Asset Allocation, Managing Fixed Income Portfolios and Performance Measurement.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 explain how an investment policy and an investment strategy can help manage risk
	CLO 2 identify the obligations of a fiduciary in managing investment portfolios
	CLO 3 describe how to select an investment strategy for an individual and the particular issues influencing investment strategies for institutional investors
	CLO 4 explain principles of risk-based capital management
	CLO 5 describe asset allocation strategies that can be used to construct an asset portfolio
	CLO 6 identify and describe financial and non-financial risks faced by an entity
	CLO 7 define risk metrics to quantify major types of risk exposure, apply ALM principles to the establishment of investment policy and strategy
	CLO 8 select or build a benchmark for a given portfolio or portfolio management style, describe and assess performance measurement methodologies for investment portfolios

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3901; and Not for students who have passed in FINA2320, or have already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N	
Course Type	Lecture-based course	

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12

	Reading / Self study			100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
	Assignments	Assignments, tutorials/example classes, group discussions, project and presentation	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Required/recommended reading and online materials	D. Babbel & F. J. Fabozzi: Investment Management for Insurers (Frank J. Fabozzi & Assoc., 1999) Z. Bodie, A. Kane, & A. Marcus: Investments (McGraw-Hill, 2005, 7th edition) Crouhy, Galai, & Mark: Risk Management (2001) F. J. Fabozzi: Handbook of Fixed Income Securities (McGraw-Hill, 2005, 7th edition) Litterman: Modern Investment Management: An Equilibrium Approach (2003)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Other references: J. L. Maginn, D.L. Tuttle, J.E. Pinto & D.W. McLeavey: Managing Investment Portfolios, A Dynamic Process (Wiley, 2007, 3rd edition) Tilman: Asset / Liability Management of Financial Institutions (2003)

STAT3953	**Fundamentals of actuarial practice (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K P Wat, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(watkp@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K P Wat,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course teaches students about the business environment and exposes them to practical real-world situations using the actuarial control cycle as a framework.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course provides an overview on selected materials relating to the following topics: Role of the Professional Actuary, External Forces, Risk in Actuarial Problems, Design and Pricing of Actuarial Solutions. Emphasis will be placed on applications to various financial security programmes including individual life insurance, group insurance, social security plans, retirement plans, investment funds and property and casualty insurance.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	provide introductory description of financial security systems, common actuarial techniques and practical experiences
CLO 2	describe actuarial practices, principles, approaches, methods, commonalities, problems and solutions
CLO 3	explain actuarial practices across the traditional areas of practice on behalf of financial security system providers or as a consultant to those providers
CLO 4	apply actuarial skills in nontraditional and emerging areas of practice
CLO 5	provide context for the specific mathematical and technical skills developed in the basic actuarial courses
CLO 6	communicate technical information and participate in peer review
CLO 7	manage uncertainty by responding to questions in ambiguous or open-ended situations with limited time to prepare or react
CLO 8	prepare for the professional role as an Associate of the Society of Actuaries

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3901. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
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C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organizational and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Test	In-class quizzes, discussions and participation	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
	Project reports	Written report	30	CLO 4, 5, 6
	Presentation	Oral presentation, interim report and peer review	30	CLO 4, 5, 6, 7

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Klugman, S. A. (2012). Understanding Actuarial Practice. Society of Actuaries. Bellis, C., Lyon, R., Klugman, S., and Shepherd, J. (2010). Understanding Actuarial Management: The Actuarial Control Cycle (2nd Edition). Institute of Actuaries of Australia. Brown, R. L. and Lennox, W. S. (2015). Introduction to Ratemaking and Loss Reserving for Property and Casualty

	Insurance (4th Edition). ACTEX Publications, Inc. Segal, S. (2011). Corporate Value of Enterprise Risk Management: The Next Step in Business Management. Wiley.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3954	**Current topics in actuarial science (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course aims at providing practical elements for actuarial students including daily life actuarial practice and the basic capability to understand, research in and handle the laws as and when situations would arise, which will benefit students in their coming future career.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course covers a full range of topics related to both areas including 1) Practical Actuarial Practice and 2) Actuaries' Legal Thinking. For Practical Actuarial Practice: It covers the major practical topics in both Life and Casualty areas. For Life Insurance, it covers the full picture of actuarial control cycle including Product Pricing, Valuation, Financial Reporting and Experience Analysis. For General Insurance, it covers the backbone areas including Product Pricing and Valuation. For Actuaries' Legal Thinking: This is the 7th year of the course and the full start of a new course structure echoing changes in the market for basic legal and general insurance skills for actuaries. Intellectually stimulating recent legal materials with heavy involvement of actuarial and other general insurance expertise would dominate the course, alongside with basic legal research skills and fundamental legal thinking. Sharing of experience from guests from the General Insurance Industry would also infiltrate the course.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	have a basic understanding regarding Actuarial Control Cycle from A to Z for Life Insurance and General Insurance	
	CLO 2	possess some experience regarding fundamental actuarial practice through practical project	
	CLO 3	possess basic understanding of the legal system in Hong Kong	
	CLO 4	possess fundamental knowledge in certain core legal aspects such as the law of contract and the law of tort	
	CLO 5	possess fundamental knowledge of the law of insurance	
	CLO 6	conduct elementary legal researches when facing with legal problems	
	CLO 7	understand the basic elements of a routine judgment, the matrix of the facts and the law involved	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3901, or already enrolled in this course; or Pass in STAT3909, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, practical project & class test(s))	100	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3955	**Survival analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is concerned with how models which predict the survival pattern of humans or other entities are established. This exercise is sometimes referred to as survival-model construction.		
Course Contents & Topics	The nature and properties of parametric and nonparametric survival models will be studied. Topics to be covered include: the introduction of some important basic quantities like the hazard function and survival function; some commonly used parametric survival models; concepts of censoring and/or truncation; parametric estimation of the survival distribution by maximum likelihood estimation method; nonparametric estimation of the survival functions from possibly censored samples by means of the Kaplan-Meier estimator, the Nelson-Aalen estimator; and the kernel density estimator or the Ramlau-Hansen estimator and comparisons of k independent survival functions by		

	means of the generalized log-rank test; parametric regression models; Cox's semiparametric proportional hazards regression model; and multivariate survival analysis.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 acquire a clear understanding of the nature of failure time data or survival data, a generalization of the concept of death and life CLO 2 perform estimation for some commonly used survival models under different types of censoring mechanisms CLO 3 analyze survival data using the Cox's semiparametric proportional hazards model CLO 4 extend the Cox's model to a multivariate setup to accommodate multivariate survival data
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3902, or already enrolled in this course; or Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3901; Not for students who have passed in STAT3955, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / / 36 Tutorials / / 12 Reading / Self study / / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / One 3-hour written examination / 75 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Assignments / Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test) / 25 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Cox, D. R. and Oakes, D.: Analysis of Survival Data (Chapman and Hall, 1984) Hosmer, D. W. and Lemeshow, S.: Applied Survival Analysis: Regression Modeling of Time to Event Data (Wiley, 1999) Klein, J. P. and Moeschberger, M. L.: Survival Analysis: Techniques for Censored and Truncated Data (Springer Verlag, New York, 2005, 2nd ed.)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3956	**Life contingencies III (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof T Boonen, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(tjboonen@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof T Boonen,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course covers concepts and methods in life contingencies that are used in the valuation and financing of long-term actuarial plans and products.		
Course Contents & Topics	The following topics will be covered: Fundamentals of pension plans; pricing valuation and funding of pension obligations; universal life insurance; options that are embedded in life insurance and annuity contracts.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 calculate the pension benefits in accordance with the provisions of a pension plan CLO 2 perform pension valuation and funding calculations CLO 3 describe the key features of universal life insurance and perform profit tests CLO 4 define and calculate payoffs under various options embedded in insurance and annuity contracts CLO 5 value the guaranteed minimum death benefit and the guaranteed minimum accumulation/maturity benefit using the Black-Scholes model CLO 6 comment on the risk management of various options embedded in insurance products		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3909; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.		

	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Dickson, D.C.M., Hardy, M.R., and Waters, H.R.: Actuarial Mathematics for Life Contingent Risks (Cambridge University Press, 2020, 3rd edition) Anderson, A.W., Pension Mathematics for Actuaries (ACTEX Publications, 2006, 3rd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT3957	**Essential principles in actuarial modelling (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	40
Course Co-ordinator	Mr K K L Chan, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Mr C H C Wong,Statistics & Actuarial Science) (Mr K K L Chan,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course focuses on how students apply actuarial knowledge to develop models within and across various real-life modelling tools. Applications of the knowledge to real-world business problems will be emphasized.		
Course Contents & Topics	Brief introduction of actuarial modelling on various areas including data, coding, quality assurance, control, reasonableness check and documentation. Methods to build, modify and use an actuarial model to project future cashflows with uncertain insurance and market risks. Key functionality and calculation on the application of probabilistic theories, life contingencies, discounting, reserving techniques in the development of actuarial models. Pros and cons of different types of actuarial models in terms of efficiency, sustainability, and degree of controls. Practical experience in preparing assumptions, projecting cashflows, valuating, and troubleshooting through in-class exercise and group project.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 Describe the history and recent development of actuarial modelling software.
	CLO 2 Utilize basic foundational operations of actuarial modelling software.
	CLO 3 Demonstrate the ability to develop a model using life contingencies concepts on probabilities, expected values, select and ultimate tables, and decrements.
	CLO 4 Transform complex business problems from cashflow projection and reserving requirements to simplified components like decrement models, discounting, and actuarial present value computation.
	CLO 5 Illustrate effective teamwork and presentation skills.
	CLO 6 Apply the learned concepts on using actuarial software, model development life cycle and change management to in-class exercise and group project.

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3901 or already enrolled in this course For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		80
	Assessment		12

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Assignments	Students are expected to attend and participate actively in	30	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

		lectures, this includes completing class exercises and selected assignments which will be collected by lecturer.		
	Project reports	Students will present and lead a discussion of a self-developed actuarial model.	70	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT4011	**Natural language processing (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A S M Lau, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(adelalau@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A S M Lau,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Natural language processing (NLP) is a subfield of artificial intelligence, focusing on understanding human language. In essence, NLP is interested in building a tool that can use language like humans. This course will introduce the mathematical, statistical and computational challenges in natural language processing. It covers main applications of NLP techniques and a range of models in structured prediction and deep learning. In this course, students will gain a thorough introduction to cutting-edge machine learning and deep learning techniques for NLP.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course covers a broad range of topics in natural language processing (NLP), including text classification, sentiment analysis, neural network, word embedding, sequence models, language models, machine translation, topic detection, chatGPT. The underlying techniques from probability, statistics, machine learning, transformer and deep learning will also be introduced.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	learn about the techniques behind modern NLP	
	CLO 2	implement basic algorithms and methods on real-world data	
	CLO 3	gain hands-on experience on building NLP models	
	CLO 4	learn backgrounds to understand current research	
	CLO 5	get exposed to linguistic concepts and tasks in NLP	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT2602 and (COMP2113 or COMP2119 or COMP2396); and Not for students who have passed in APAI4011, or already enrolled in this course. Recommended: familiarity with deep learning or machine learning; strong programming skills (e.g., Python) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
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	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	
Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test		30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments and tutorials)	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Project reports		40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT4013	**Applied high-performance computing and parallel programming (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	Prof L Qu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(liangqqu@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof L Qu,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	High-Performance Computing (HPC) and parallel processing are ubiquitous in modern computing. The aim of this course is to provide in-demand skills and knowledge to the field of high performance and parallel computing with hands-on parallel programming experience on real parallel machines and HPC systems. This course will begin with an introduction to HPC, which targets at making students understand what HPC is and how to navigate real HPC systems. Next, students will learn the fundamental knowledge of hardware architecture (e.g., shared memory, distributed memory clusters, etc.) that supports HPC. Finally, different parallel programming tools like MPI, OpenMP and CUDA will be discussed in connection with domain specific problems.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course will cover: - Introduction to high-performance computing - Basic C/C++ programming and common Linux commands - Parallel programming basics - Distributed memory programming with MPI		

	- Share memory programming with OpenMP - GPU architecture and CUDA programming

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	Gain foundational knowledge of HPC architectures and systems, including navigating a typical Linux-based HPC environment, understanding SLURM job scheduling, and comprehending basic HPC concepts, preparing students for future HPC interactions and usage.
CLO 2	Understand the fundamentals of parallel programming and acquire the ability to measure and analyze the performance of parallel systems, as well as assess and evaluate application scalability, including weak and strong scaling.
CLO 3	Explore distributed-memory parallel programming using MPI, enabling students to develop efficient parallel applications for distributed-memory systems.
CLO 4	Investigate shared-memory parallel programming with OpenMP, allowing students to harness the power of multi-core processors and shared-memory systems.
CLO 5	Learn CUDA programming for GPU acceleration, laying the groundwork for students to optimize computationally intensive tasks using GPUs.
CLO 6	Gain hands-on experience in designing, implementing, and optimizing HPC and parallel computing applications using real-world problems and datasets.

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Passed in (COMP2113 or COMP2119 or COMP2396) and (STAT3600 or STAT3612); and
Not for students who have passed in APAI4013, or already enrolled in this course.
Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.

Offer in 2025 - 2026: Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination**: May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course: N

Course Type: Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, class test(s) and a project)	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials

Hager G, Wellein G. Introduction to high performance computing for scientists and engineers[M]. CRC Press, 2010.
Barney B. Introduction to parallel computing[J]. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2010, 6(13): 10.

Course Website: http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4022 Omics data analysis (6 credits) — **Academic Year**: 2025

Offering Department: SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) — **Quota**: 15

Course Co-ordinator: Prof G Yin, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(gyin@hku.hk)*

Teachers Involved: (Prof G Yin,Statistics & Actuarial Science)

Course Objectives

This course introduces omics data acquisition techniques and emphasizes advanced statistical tools to analyze the high-throughput omics data. This course is designed for learners with basic background knowledge in molecular biology who are interested in different aspects of omics and bioinformatics. This course aims to introduce the tools and techniques needed to obtain, analyze, and interpret a variety of modern genome-scale data types.

Course Contents & Topics

Introduction to molecular biology, omics, and high throughput technologies, analysis of microarray data, analysis of high-throughput data, experimental design commonly encountered in genomic data analysis, functional genomics, enrichment analysis.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	Obtain an overview of current computational systems biology approaches for omics data analysis
CLO 2	Understand the principles behind data pre-processing, quality control and analysis of large-scale biological datasets
CLO 3	Apply basic computational and statistical tools to analyze multiple omics data types
CLO 4	Learn the basics of machine learning analysis for omics sample clustering and classification

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Pass in STAT2602, and pass or already enrolled in STAT3612; and
Not for students who have passed in APAI4022, or already enrolled in this course.
Knowledge in basic molecular biology/biochemistry/bioinformatics, undergraduate level statistics knowledge and programming skills are needed.
Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.

Offer in 2025 - 2026: Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y — **Examination**: May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to

		apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Coursework (assignments; may include project report)	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4023	**Medical image analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	15
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			

Course Objectives

Medical imaging has been a critical part in modern healthcare procedures. Its primary use is to visualize the human body at different levels (e.g., at organ, tissue, cell, and molecular levels) using different imaging modalities (e.g., those in radiology, pathology, dermatology, ophthalmology, microscopy, and genetics). The objective of this course is to provide students with an overview of the machine learning and deep learning methods in medical image processing and analytics. We will study many of the current methods used to enhance and extract useful information from medical images. A variety of medical image diagnostic scenarios will be used as examples to motivate the methods.

Course Contents & Topics

This course covers the basic concepts and computational methods (especially machine learning and deep learning methods) in medical image analysis. Topics covered in this course include but are not limited to:
- An overview of medical imaging modalities,
- An overview of medical image analysis applications and their challenges,
- Traditional image processing techniques for medical image analysis,
- Basics of machine learning/deep learning techniques,
- Machine learning/deep learning for medical image analysis, and
- Case studies.

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the basic concepts and motivation of medical image analysis
CLO 2	learn about the various applications and challenges of medical image analysis
CLO 3	learn about the computational techniques behind modern medical image analysis
CLO 4	gain hands-on experience on building practical computational models for medical image analysis
CLO 5	get expose to current research topics in medical imaging

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)

Pass or already enrolled in STAT3600, and Pass in (COMP2113 or COMP2119 or COMP2396); and
ot for students who have passed in APAI4023, or already enrolled in this course.
Recommended: familiarity with machine learning/deep learning; strong programming skills (Python/PyTorch will be used in this course)
Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.

Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 5
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and class test(s); may include term project)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT4601	**Time-series analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof G Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(gdli@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof G Li,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	A time series consists of a set of observations on a random variable taken over time. Time series arise naturally in climatology, economics, environment studies, finance and many other disciplines. The observations in a time series are usually correlated; the course establishes a framework to discuss this. This course distinguishes different type of time series, investigates various representations for the processes and studies the relative merits of different forecasting procedures. Students will analyse real time-series data on the computer.		
Course Contents & Topics	Stationarity and the autocorrelation functions; linear stationary models; linear non-stationary modes; model identification; estimation and diagnostic checking; seasonal models and forecasting methods for time series.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	recognize a stationary vs non-stationary time series	
	CLO 2	understand some basic properties of commonly used time series models such as AR (autoregressive), MA (moving average) and ARMA models	
	CLO 3	transform non-stationary time series into stationary ones	
	CLO 4	identify different time series models based on autocorrelation functions	
	CLO 5	fit a suitable AR, MA or ARMA model to real data using SAS (after transforming to stationarity if necessary)	
	CLO 6	perform goodness of fit tests for such models	
	CLO 7	do forecasting with these fitted time series models	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3614, or have already enrolled in this course; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3907, or have already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
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Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Required/recommended reading and online materials	J. D. Cryer & K.S. Chan: Time Series Analysis with Applications in R (Springer, 2008, 2nd edition) Bovas Abraham & Johannes Ledolter: Statistical Methods for Forecasting (John Wiley & Sons, 2005, 2nd edition) W. W .S. Wei: Time Series Analysis: Univariate and Multivariate Methods (Addison-Wesley, 2006, 2nd edition) W. K. Li: Diagnostic Checks in Time Series (Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2004) Howell Tong: Non-linear Time Series: A Dynamical System Approach (Oxford University Press, 1990)			
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT4602	**Multivariate data analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof Y Cao, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(yuancao@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof Y Cao,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	In many designed experiments or observational studies, the researchers are dealing with multivariate data, where each observation is a set of measurements taken on the same individual. These measurements are often correlated. The correlation prevents the use of univariate statistics to draw inferences. This course develops the statistical methods for analysing multivariate data through examples in various fields of application and hands-on experience with the statistical software SAS.		

Course Contents & Topics	Problems with multivariate data. Multivariate normality and transforms. Mean structure for one sample. Tests of covariance matrix. Correlations: Simple, partial, multiple and canonical. Multivariate regression. Principal components analysis. Factor analysis. Problems for means of several samples. Multivariate analysis of variance. Discriminant analysis. Classification. Multivariate linear model.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 analyze multivariate data with main SAS procedures, such as PROC IML, PROC REG, PROC CORR, PROC CANCORR, PROC PRINCOMP, PROC FACTOR, PROC DISCRIM, PROC CANDISC and etc CLO 2 compare the mean structure of multiple measurements for one or more than one population(s) by multivariate MANOVA and profile analysis CLO 3 investigate the linear associations among one/two group(s) of variables by multiple, partial and canonical correlation and multivariate regression CLO 4 explore the latent linear structure of a data set with multiple measurements by principal components analysis and factor analysis CLO 5 classify observations of a population with one or more than one measurements by discriminant analysis
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** May
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Examination / One 3-hour written examination / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Assignments / Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test) / 50 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Johnson, R. A. & Wichern, D. W.: Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis (Prentice-Hall, 2007, 6th edition) Mardia K. V., Kent J. T., and Bibby J. M.: Multivariate Analysis (Academic Press, 1979) Seber G. A. F.: Multivariate Observations (John Wiley & Sons, 1984) Morrison D. F.: Multivariate Statistical Methods (McGraw-Hill, 1990, 3rd ed.) Hair J. F., Anderson R. E., Tatham R. L., & Black W. C.: Multivariate Data Analysis (Prentice-Hall, 2006, 6th edition) Srivastava M. S.: Methods of Multivariate Statistics (John Wiley and Sons, 2002) SAS Manuals on-line: Use the HELP button.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4603	**Current topics in risk management (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr O T K Choi, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ochoi@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr O T K Choi,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	- This course aims to broaden students' knowledge in risk management theories through in-depth financial case studies analysis. - The various risk measures are demonstrated and discussed with the application of the financial theories covered in the core courses. - The topics offered each year depend on current financial issues related to the risk management's perspective. - To strengthen presentation skills in public speaking and presentation; quick response to dynamic financial news and be able to process risk management analysis. Students work in rotating groups to prepare and present cases.		
Course Contents & Topics	- Introduction to the financial services sector. Students will learn a full picture of the structure of a typical financial firm. Discuss how the financial sector serves to provide free flow of capital and liquidity in the market place and hence drives the economic growth. - Foundation of risk management and models - Risk measurement process and quality control - Enterprise risk management - Cutting edge risk analytics and innovations in risk management		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 gain insights into current advances in risk management CLO 2 understand current risk management pitfalls and development CLO 3 make effective use of models and techniques for managing various kinds of risk		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites	Pass in (STAT3618 or FINA2322) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		

and Impermissible combinations)	
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Test	Class test	30	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	2 assignments	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Project reports	Project proposal + Final project written report	20	CLO 1, 2, 3
Presentation	Weekly class presentations + Final project presentation	30	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	- Hull, J. C. (2015). Risk Management and Financial Institutions (4th Edition). Wiley. - Jorion, P. (2007). Value at Risk: The New Benchmark for Managing Financial Risk (3rd Edition). McGraw-Hill. - Jorion, P. (2011). Financial Risk Manager Handbook (6rd Edition). Wiley. - Dowd, K. (2005). Measuring Market Risk (2nd Edition). Wiley. - Basel Committee on Banking Supervision: Basel III: International Framework for liquidity risk measurement, standards and monitoring (BIS, 2010)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4606	**Risk management and Basel Accords in banking and finance (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	To provide comprehensive knowledge and in-depth understanding of risk management in the banking and finance industry to students. The focus is on management with basic measurement fundamentals only forming a part of the course. Accordingly, minimal background in quantitative methods will be required and involved. However, basic financial product (eg: bonds, swaps, options) knowledge will be required.		
Course Contents & Topics	The course introduces and explains: - the importance of risk management, - risk nature and types, - design and establishment of a risk management framework, - the importance of people and corporate culture, - the complete risk management cycle, - measurement and management of credit, market and operational risks, - Basel accords and the capital treatments for credit, market and operational risks, - key developments (eg: Know-Your-Customers, Anti-Money laundering, Sarbanes-Oxley) and critical issues, - the importance of business continuity, - design and implementation of a business continuity plan.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the importance, nature and classification of various risks, and the risk management principle and cycle
CLO 2	design and establish a risk management framework
CLO 3	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the measurements of credit, market and operational risks
CLO 4	explain and describe Basel accords and its capital treatments for credit, market and operational risks
CLO 5	appreciate the importance of, design and implement a business continuity plan

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3618 or STAT3910 or STAT3905 or (FINA2322 and any University level 3 course) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Crouhy, M., Galai, D. and Mark, R.: The Essentials of Risk Management (McGraw-Hill, 2006) Jorion, P.: Financial Risk Manager Handbook + Test Bank: FRM part I/Part II (Wiley, 2010, 6th edition) Hull, J. C.: Risk Management and Financial Institutions (Pearson Higher Education, 2010, 2nd edition) Gallati, R.: Risk Management and Capital Adequacy (McGrawHill, 2003)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	This course is previously called STAT2320 as the prerequisite changed to STAT3303.

STAT4607	**Credit risk analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr K P Wat, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(watkp@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr K P Wat,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Credit risk has always been a significant financial risk in the banking industry. It is related to the possibility of loss arising from defaults on debts, swaps, or other counterparty instruments. Credit risk may also result from a change in the value of an asset resulting from a change in the counterparty's creditworthiness. This course will introduce students to quantitative models for measuring and managing credit risk. It also aims to provide students with an understanding of the credit risk methodology used in the financial industry and the regulatory framework in which the credit risk models operate.		
Course Contents & Topics	Probabilities of default, recovery rates and loss given default; Default and credit migration; credit scoring and internal rating models; Credit portfolio models such as CreditMetrics, CreditPortfolioView, KMV and actuarial approach; Credit derivatives.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand the Basel requirements for credit risk
CLO 2	estimate credit scores using the logit model
CLO 3	understand and estimate default probabilities using various approaches such as Moody's KMV and the mortality method
CLO 4	understand the concept of credit Value-at-Risk and the CreditMetrics approach
CLO 5	estimate default correlations
CLO 6	assess credit rating systems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3618 or STAT3905 or STAT3910 or (FINA2322 and any University level 3 course) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

	Assignments	Coursework (participation, assignments, tutorials, and class test(s))	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Bluhm, C., Overbeck, L., and Wagner, C. (2010). Introduction to Credit Risk Modeling (2nd Edition). CRC Press. Löffler, G. and Posch, P. N. (2011). Credit Risk Modeling using Excel and VBA (2nd Edition). Wiley. Resti, A. and Sironi, A. (2007). Risk Management and Shareholders' Value in Banking: From Risk Measurement Models to Capital Allocation Policies. Wiley. Saunders, A. and Allen, L. (2010). Credit Risk Measurement In and Out of the Financial Crisis: New Approaches to Value at Risk and Other Paradigms (3rd Edition). Wiley. Crouhy, M., Galai, D., and Mark, R. (2001). Risk Management. McGraw-Hill. Jorion, P. (2011). Financial Risk Manager Handbook (6th Edition). Wiley. Hull, J. C. (2018). Risk Management and Financial Institutions (5th Edition). Wiley. Hull, J. C. (2018). Options, Futures, and Other Derivatives (10th Edition). Pearson. Gujarati, D. N. and Porter, D. C. (2009). Basic Econometrics (5th Edition). McGraw-Hill. Gregory, J. (2015). The xVA Challenge: Counterparty Credit Risk, Funding, Collateral and Capital (3rd Edition). Wiley. Malz, A. M. (2011). Financial Risk Management: Models, History, and Institutions. Wiley.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4608	**Market risk analysis (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr Z Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(zhangz08@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr Z Zhang,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Financial risk management has experienced a revolution in the last decade thanks to the introduction of new methods for measuring risk, particularly Value-at-Risk (VaR). This course introduces modern risk management techniques covering the measurement of market risk using VaR models and financial time series models, and stress testing.		
Course Contents & Topics	Risk Measures; Value-at-Risk (VaR) models (parametric, Monte Carlo simulation and Historical simulation); Risk factor mapping; Advanced VaR models (GARCH-type models, extreme-value theory and normal-mixture); Principal Component Analysis and VaR; Backtesting and stress testing.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand VaR and expected shortfall as risk measures
CLO 2	compute VaR and expected shortfall
CLO 3	model volatility using GARCH-type models
CLO 4	understand extreme-value theory
CLO 5	understand backtesting and stress testing

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3907 and STAT3910; or Pass in STAT4601 and (FINA2320 or STAT3609) Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a group project)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Jorion, P.: Value-at-Risk: The New Benchmark for Managing Financial Risk (McGraw-Hill, 2007, 3rd edition) Alexander, C.: Market Models: A Guide to Financial Data Analysis (Wiley, 2001) Alexander, C.: Market Risk Analysis: Practical Financial Econometrics (Wiley, 2008) Alexander, C.: Market Risk Analysis: Value-at-Risk Models (Wiley, 2009) Tsay, R. S.: Analysis of Financial Time Series (Wiley, 2005, 2nd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4609	**Big data analytics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M M Y Zhang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(mzhang18@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M M Y Zhang,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		

Course Objectives	In the past decade, huge volume of data with highly complicated structure has appeared in every aspect, such as social web logs, e-mails, video, speech recordings, photographs, tweets and others. The efficient extraction of valuable information from these data sources becomes a challenging task. This course focuses on the practical knowledge and skills of some advanced analytics and statistical modeling for solving big data problems.
Course Contents & Topics	Recommender systems, Link analysis, Social network analysis, Text analytics, Sentiment analysis, Topic modeling, Deep Learning, and Reinforcement learning
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand and apply a wide range of data analytic techniques, and recognize their characteristics, strengths and weaknesses CLO 2 obtain hands-on experience of computer software for data analytics CLO 3 identify and use appropriate data analytic techniques for data extraction, taking into account both the structure of the data and the goals of the user of the discovered knowledge CLO 4 evaluate the quality of discovered knowledge, taking into account the requirements of the data analytic task being performed and the goals of the user
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3612 or STAT4904 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. **B** Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. **D** Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. **Fail** Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.
Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** / **Details** / **No. of Hours** Lectures / 36 Tutorials / 12 Reading / Self study / 100
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** / **Details** / **Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Test / 40 / CLO 3, 4 Assignments / 30 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4 Project reports / May include project proposal and presentation / 30 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Geron, A. (2019). Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras & TensorFlow: Concepts, Tools, and Techniques to Build Intelligent Systems. 2nd edition, O'Reilly Media. Aggarwal, C.C. (2016). Recommender Systems: The Textbook. Springer, New York. Sarkar, D. (2016). Text Analytics with Python. Apress. Chollet, F. (2018). Deep Learning with Python. MANNING.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4610	**Bayesian learning (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	
Course Co-ordinator	Prof E C H Fong, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(chefong@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof E C H Fong,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course will provide a comprehensive introduction to the Bayesian framework for statistical inference. Students will learn how to apply advanced simulation techniques for posterior computation, which also have wider applications within statistics. This course is particularly suitable for students who intend to pursue further studies or a career in research.		
Course Contents & Topics	This course covers the fundamental Bayesian framework, including prior elicitation, posterior inference and model selection. For posterior computation, Monte Carlo methods such as importance sampling and Markov chain Monte Carlo will be introduced. Methods for approximate inference such as variational Bayes will also be covered. Advanced Bayesian modeling with nonparametric Bayes will then be explored, with applications in machine learning.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 execute the Bayesian pipeline, including prior elicitation, posterior summarization and model evaluation CLO 2 simulate from complex probability distributions using advanced Monte Carlo methods such as Markov chain Monte Carlo CLO 3 apply posterior approximation techniques such as Laplace's approximation and variational Bayes CLO 4 develop nonparametric Bayesian models and apply them in machine learning		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3602 or STAT3603 or STAT3902 or STAT3903 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to		

		apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and class test(s))	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	1. Bayesian Data Analysis, by Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Dunson, Vehtari and Rubin (CRC Press, 2013). http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~gelman/book/
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4710	**Capstone experience for statistics undergraduates (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K C Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers as the assessors of oral presentations and written reports,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This project-based course aims to provide students with capstone experience to formulate and investigate real life problems in the area of statistics, risk management, finance, climate, social science, medicine and scientific research by integrating and applying the statistical theories and quantitative techniques learnt in their junior university years.		
Course Contents & Topics	No formal teaching. Students are expected to devote 120-140 hours working on this project. Students will work in groups of three to five under the supervision of a teacher. Students are required to give a presentation on their work two to three weeks before the end of the semester, and submit their final report at the end of the semester. It aims to help the students to establish a good and solid foundation of life-long learning skills, and to enable students to equip with hands-on experience in solving real life problems starting from identification of the key variable(s) of interest, literature search, model formulation, data analysis or simulation, technical report writing and presentation of the results. Students will need to find an interesting topic of their own, conduct literature search regarding the most recent research related to the problem, make suggestions to improve the current situations or even solve the problem identified in their project.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	formulate a problem using statistical or risk management ideas for a particular issue we are facing with and determine ways in which statistics/risk management can be used to solve the problems or to make predictions
CLO 2	integrate theory and practice, and to understand limitations of their current knowledge
CLO 3	work in a team and to collaborate with people with different background
CLO 4	express ideas effectively in both written and oral forms
CLO 5	develop further logical, critical thinking, creativity, technical report writing, communication and consultation skills
CLO 6	advocate to others the appreciation of statistics/risk management as to its relevance to our daily life

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Students are expected to have satisfactorily completed at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics Majors. Students who are interested in taking the course should submit their applications to the Department. This capstone course is only for students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics, and is mutually exclusive with STAT3799, STAT4766 and STAT4799. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	Tutorials, group work/project, reading/self-study	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Research report	written report	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Oral presentation	oral presentation, progress, attendance, and in-class discussion	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	No specific list of textbooks and references. Students are encouraged to obtain information via various channels (main library, e-journals, internet, and discussions with classmates and teachers, etc.).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4711	**Capstone experience for actuarial science undergraduates (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K C Cheung, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers as the assessors of oral presentations and written reports,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This project-based course aims to provide students with capstone experience to formulate and investigate practical problems in actuarial science by integrating and applying actuarial theories and techniques learnt in their university years. It aims to help the students to establish a good and solid foundation of self-learning skills, and to enable students to equip with hands-on experience in solving practical problems including definition of the problem, designing the solution, and presentation of the results.		
Course Contents & Topics	No formal teaching will be given for this course. Students are expected to devote 120-140 hours working on this project. Students will work in groups of three to five under the supervision of a teacher and/or an industry supervisor. Students are required to give a presentation on their work two to three weeks before the end of the semester, and submit their final report at the end of the semester. Topics acceptable for projects in this course can be related to any of the traditional actuarial areas of practice such as life insurance, pension, finance, investment, enterprise risk management and general insurance. Students are also encouraged to suggest topics in non-traditional actuarial areas provided they can find a suitable teacher and/or industry supervisor. All topics for this course will be subject to final approval by the Department to ensure relevance to actuarial science. Students will need to decide on the topic for a practical project, conduct market research regarding industry activities related to the topic, and make suggestion on a solution of the problem identified in their project.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
CLO 1	define a practical problem, discuss the issues faced by different stakeholders, and design workable solutions for the problems
CLO 2	integrate theoretical results and practical approaches, and to specify limitations of current developments
CLO 3	work in a team and to collaborate with members with different background
CLO 4	deliver actuarial results effectively in a written report and in oral presentations
CLO 5	develop further logical, critical thinking, creativity, technical report writing, communication and consultation skills
CLO 6	explain to a non-actuarial audience the approaches of actuarial science as applied to problems in a financial security system

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in BSc(Actuarial Science) programme including (Pass in STAT3901, or already enrolled in this course; or Pass in STAT3909, or already enrolled in this course); and This capstone course is only for BSc(Actuarial Science) students, and is mutually exclusive with STAT4767 and STAT4798. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Project-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	Tutorials, group work/project, reading/self-study	120

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods**

				to CLO Mapping
	Research report	written report	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Oral presentation	oral presentation, progress, attendance and in-class discussion	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			

STAT4766	**Statistics internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr E A L Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ericli11@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers as the assessors of oral presentations and written reports,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is offered to students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics who take on a minimum of 160 hours of internship work related to his/her major disciplines. It provides students with first-hand experience in the applications of academic knowledge in a real-life work environment.		
Course Contents & Topics	Upon completion of the internship, each student is required to submit a written report and to give a presentation on his/her internship experience. The report should emphasize important working/educational experiences encountered by the student during his/her internship. In many situations, this would mean a report of the project(s) that the student has been involved in during his/her internship. The course will also include a conflict resolution role-play and email writing in the workplace.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	gain first-hand work experience in an industry related to decision analytics, risk management or statistics	
	CLO 2	apply knowledge in decision analytics, risk management or statistics to solve practical problems in the work place in a written report	
	CLO 3	explain how statistical theories learned in the University can be applied in practice in a written report	
	CLO 4	successfully resolve conflicts in the workplace through oral negotiation strategies	
	CLO 5	effectively communicate in the workplace through email	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics Majors. This capstone course is only for students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and is mutually exclusive with STAT4710. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Summer Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction**	Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.	
	Pass	Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction".	
	Fail	Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.	
Communication-intensive Course	Y		
Course Type	Internship		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Internship work	it is expected that students are to work at least 160 hours (or equivalent to 4 weeks full-time)	160
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)** / **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Written report	written report	30 / CLO 1, 2, 3
	Oral presentation	oral presentation and workshop on effective communications	70 / CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk		
Additional Course Information	Upon completion of the internship, each student is required to submit a written report and to give an oral presentation on their internship experience. Supervisors will assess the students based on their performance during the internship period (in the case of internships outside the university, the internal supervisor will assess the student based on the feedback by the external supervisor). Satisfactory completion of this course can be counted towards the Capstone requirement. Details of internship will be recorded on the student's transcript. This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.		

STAT4767	**Actuarial science internship (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr E A L Li, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ericli11@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers as the assessors of oral presentations and written reports,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course is offered to actuarial science students who take on a 6-month full time or similar internships. The objective is for a student to complete this course as a project based on his/her internship.		

Course Contents & Topics	This course will include a written report which should emphasize important working/ educational experiences encountered by the student during his/her internship. In many situations, this would mean a report of the project(s) that the student has been involved in during his/her internship. The course will also include a conflict resolution role-play and email writing in the workplace.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 gain practical experiences during internship CLO 2 describe basic actuarial practices learned during the internship in a written report CLO 3 explain how actuarial theories learned in University can be applied in practice in a written report CLO 4 successfully resolve conflicts in the workplace through oral negotiation strategies CLO 5 effectively communicate in the workplace through email
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in BSc(Actuarial Science) programme including STAT3901; and This capstone course is only for BSc(Actuarial Science) students; and is mutually exclusive with STAT4711. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** No Exam
Grade Descriptors Distinction/Pass/Fail	**Distinction** Demonstrates excellent ability in applying knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Demonstrates excellent performance in handling and carrying out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes highly effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, with excellent performance in written and oral report, and excellent evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. **Pass** Able to apply knowledge to solve problems in the workplace. Successfully handles and carries out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Establishes effective collaboration and communication with supervisor(s), colleagues, and clients in the job. Successfully fulfills the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, and evaluation by supervisor(s), etc. Students demonstrating excellent performance in the above would be awarded a grade of "Distinction". **Fail** Very limited or no ability to solve problems in the workplace. Fails to handle or carry out the work required in the job or assigned by supervisor(s). Fails to establish effective collaboration or communication with supervisor(s), other colleagues, or clients in the job. Fails to satisfy the requirements set out in the Course Description regarding working hours, written and oral report, or evaluation by supervisor(s), etc.
Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Internship
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities** | **Details** | **No. of Hours** Internship work | it is expected that students are to work at least 6 months or 120 working days | 960
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods** | **Details** | **Weighting in final course grade (%)** | **Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping** Written report | written report | 30 | CLO 1, 2, 3 Oral presentation | oral presentation and workshop on effective communications | 70 | CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk
Additional Course Information	Despite no weighting for this assessment component, the completion of the employer's evaluation form by the employer/direct supervisor is required for passing the course. Satisfactory completion of this course can be counted towards the Capstone requirement. Details of internship will be recorded on the student's transcript. This course will be assessed on "Pass/Fail" basis. Students who are interested to enrol in this course should contact the Department to obtain the approval. Enrolment of this course is not conducted via the online course selection system and should be made through the relevant Department/School office after approval has been obtained from the course coordinator.

STAT4798	**Statistics and actuarial science project (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(smslee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers as the assessors of oral presentations and written reports,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Each year a few projects suitable for Actuarial Science students will be offered to provide students with practical experience in approaching a real problem, in report writing and in oral presentation.		
Course Contents & Topics	These projects, under the supervision of individual staff members, involve the applications of statistics and/or probability in a wide range of problems of practical and/or academic interests.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 formulate meaningful research problems CLO 2 learn and apply advanced techniques in probability and/or statistics to solve real life problems CLO 3 summarize and present research findings in a professional manner		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in BSc(Actuarial Science) programme including STAT3902 and STAT3907; and Pass or already enrolled in at least one of the following courses: STAT3911, STAT4602, STAT4904; and This capstone course is only for BSc(Actuarial Science) students; and subject to the consent of course coordinator. This course is mutually exclusive with STAT4711. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A** Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should show considerable additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.] **B** Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. **C** Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.		

	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Project-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study			120
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Research report	written report	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Oral presentation	oral presentation & in-class discussion	40	CLO 1, 2, 3
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	Approval is subject to past academic performance.			

STAT4799	**Statistics project (12 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	50
Course Co-ordinator	Prof S M S Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(smslee@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Various teachers as the assessors of oral presentations and written reports,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	Each year a few projects suitable for students majoring in Decision Analytics/ Risk Management/ Statistics will be offered to provide students with practical experience in approaching a real problem, in report writing and in oral presentation.		
Course Contents & Topics	These projects, under the supervision of individual staff members, involve the applications of statistics and/or probability in a wide range of problems of practical and/or academic interests.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:		
	CLO 1	gain first-hand experience in solving a research or applied problem in statistics or related areas	
	CLO 2	develop skills in important technical tools, including the use of computer software or programs, for typical statistical research and data analyses	
	CLO 3	write succinct reports on the findings of a research study	
	CLO 4	make concise oral presentation of the findings of a research study	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in at least 24 credits of advanced level disciplinary core/elective courses in the Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics Majors including STAT3600; and Pass or already enrolled in at least one of the following courses: STAT3612, STAT3911, STAT4601, STAT4602; and Not for students who have already enrolled in STAT3799 in this academic year. This capstone course is only for students majoring in Decision Analytics/Risk Management/Statistics; and subject to the consent of course coordinator. This course is mutually exclusive with STAT4710. The earliest that a student is allowed to take this capstone course is their year 3 study. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y Year long Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	No Exam
Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	**A**	Demonstrate thorough grasp of the subject. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought. Insightful use and critical analysis / evaluation of information drawn from a full range of high quality sources and to quote/reference aptly. Critical use of data and results to draw appropriate and insightful conclusions. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. [Work of A+ should show considerable additional work beyond that is required in wider areas relevant to the topic.]	
	B	Demonstrate substantial grasp of the subject. Evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Critical use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make meaningful comparisons between different secondary interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Correct use of data of results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete grasp of the subject. Evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking. Use of relevant information from sources, showing ability to make comparisons between different interpretations and to quote/reference aptly. Mostly correct but some erroneous use of data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited grasp, with retention of some relevant information, of the subject. Evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Demonstrate use and reference of several sources, but mainly through summary rather than analysis and comparison. Limited ability to use data and results to draw appropriate conclusions. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.	
	Fail	Demonstrate evidence of little or no grasp of the knowledge and understanding of the subject. Evidence of little or lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Limited use of secondary sources and no critical comparison of them. Misuse of data and results and/or unable to draw appropriate conclusions. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.	

Communication-intensive Course	N			
Course Type	Project-based course			
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**		**No. of Hours**
	Reading / Self study	the student is expected to meet & discuss with a supervisor regularly in the course of the project		240
Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Dissertation	written report	60	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Oral presentation	oral presentation & in-class discussion	40	CLO 1, 2, 4
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk			
Additional Course Information	Approval is subject to past academic performance.			

STAT4901	Risk theory II (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is an advanced course in risk theory which extends various topics discussed in STAT3906. It discusses utility theory, ruin theory, aggregate claims process, and related topics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Utility theory; discrete ruin model; compound Poisson risk model; ruin probability; reinsurance; adjustment coefficient; Lundbergs inequality; Tijms approximation; non-homogeneous birth process; contagion model; mixed Poisson process; inflation model; IBNR (Incurred But Not Reported) claims; mixed Erlang distributions; stop-loss moments; equilibrium distributions.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand utility theory including some commonly used utility functions, Jensens inequality, risk aversion and utility maximization
CLO 2	define discrete and continuous ruin models
CLO 3	calculate the adjustment coefficient, Lundbergs inequality and Tijms approximation in ruin theory
CLO 4	understand the effect of reinsurance and change of parameters on ruin probability
CLO 5	understand non-homogeneous birth process and its applications as contagion models for claim frequencies
CLO 6	understand mixed Poisson process and its applications including the inflation model and the IBNR model
CLO 7	derive the relationship between stop-loss moments and equilibrium distributions

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3906 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	Examination	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	Details	No. of Hours
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Klugman S.A., Panjer H.H., & Willmot G.E.: Loss Models: From Data to Decisions (John Wiley & Sons, 2007, 3rd edition). Kaas R., Goovaerts M., Dhaene J., & Denuit M.: Modern Actuarial Risk Theory (Springer, 2004, 1st edition). Bowers N.L., Gerber H.U., Hickman J.C. & Jones D.A.: Actuarial Mathematics (Society of Actuaries, 1997, 2nd edition). Willmot G.E. & Lin X.S.: Lundberg Approximations for Compound Distributions with Insurance Applications (Springer, 2000, 1st edition).
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4902	Selected topics in actuarial science (6 credits)	Academic Year	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	Quota	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course is an advanced course in actuarial science which discusses selected topics which potential graduate students will find useful. It focuses on tools that are in the frontier of actuarial risk management with examples on applications.		
Course Contents & Topics	The contents will be chosen from the following topics: Enterprise risk management; Risk identification and taxonomy; Copulas; Extreme value theory; Applications to risk management with emphasis in insurance; Other topics as determined by the instructor		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand, identify and classify different types of risks
CLO 2	understand and apply copula to model risk dependence
CLO 3	understand and apply extreme value theory
CLO 4	explain approaches for managing risks

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3906 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	Y
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Test	Midterm	45	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	3 assignments	15	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Project reports	Written report	20	CLO 3, 4
	Presentation	Oral presentation	20	CLO 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	- Financial Enterprise Risk Management, Sweeting P., (Cambridge University Press, 2017, 2nd edition) - Actuarial Theory for Dependent Risks, Denuit M., Dhaene J., Goovaerts M., Kaas R., (Wiley, 2005, 1st edition) - Loss Models: Further Topics, Klugman S.A., Panjer H.H., Willmot G.E., (Wiley, 2013, 1st edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4903	**Actuarial techniques for general insurance (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr D Lee, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(leedav@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr D Lee,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	The purpose of this course is to develop knowledge of the basic techniques for ratemaking and estimating claim liabilities for general insurance. Application of the actuarial techniques to resolve general insurance problems will be emphasized. The course also provides general knowledge on the general insurance market in Hong Kong. Students will acquire the fundamental concept on general insurance actuarial science together with the supporting calculations.		
Course Contents & Topics	1. General insurance market in Hong Kong - Introduction of general insurance markets - Regulations on general insurance 2. Basic techniques for ratemaking - Techniques related to exposures - Techniques related to premiums - Techniques related to loss and loss adjustment expenses - Calculate the underwriting expense provisions - Pure premium methods - Loss ratio methods - Considerations when selecting the final rates 3. Estimating claim liabilities - Data requirement - Build and analyze claim development triangles - Expected claims method - Frequency-severity methods - Bornhuetter-Ferguson and Benktander methods - Appraisal and validation of the estimated results		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
CLO 1	describe the features and underlying risks of general insurance products
CLO 2	use appropriate techniques to adjust premium, exposure and expense data for use in ratemaking procedures
CLO 3	calculate the premium rate for basic general insurance products
CLO 4	estimate the claims liabilities for general insurance products

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3906, or already enrolled in this course. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y **Examination** Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to

		apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
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	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 3-hour written examination	75	CLO 2, 3
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Friedland, J.F., Estimating Unpaid Claims Using Basic Techniques, Casualty Actuarial Society, Third Version, July 2010 Werner, G, and Modlin, C., Basic Ratemaking, Casualty Actuarial Society, Fifth Edition, May 2016 Brown, R.L. and Lennox, W.S., Introduction to Ratemaking and Loss Reserving for Property and Casualty Insurance, ACTEX Publications, Fifth edition, 2022
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT4904	**Statistical learning for risk modelling (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A Lo, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(amb10@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Dr A Lo,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	To make sense of the vast and complex data sets that have emerged in insurance and finance, it is essential to have a firm understanding of the basic statistical modelling and prediction techniques. This course introduces some useful predictive analytics techniques, such as principal component analysis, naive Bayes classification, decision tree models, and cluster analysis. The R programming language will be used for actual implementation.		
Course Contents & Topics	Basics of statistical learning, cross-validation, linear model selection and regularization (subset selection, shrinkage methods, dimensional reduction methods), tree-based methods (decision trees, bagging, boosting, random forests), principal component analysis, naive Bayes classification, cluster analysis (K-means clustering, hierarchical clustering), deep learning, survival analysis, multiple testing.		

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

CLO 1	understand and apply a wide range of predictive analytics techniques for risk modelling
CLO 2	apply the techniques by using the R programming language and interpret the outputs
CLO 3	recognize and compare the characteristics, strengths and weaknesses of different methods

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3907 or STAT3600; and Not for students who have passed in STAT3612, or already enrolled in this course; and For BSc(Actuarial Science) students only. Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)

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Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities

Activities	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
Lectures		36
Tutorials		12
Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting

Methods	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3
Assignments	Coursework (assignments, class test(s) and computer-based	25	CLO 1, 2, 3

	project(s))
Required/recommended reading and online materials	An Introduction to Statistical Learning, with Applications in R, James, Witten, Hastie, Tibshirani, 2021, New York: Springer
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT7609	**Research methods in statistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof K Zhu, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(mazhuke@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof K Zhu,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces some statistical concepts and methods which potential graduate students will find useful in preparing for work on a research degree in statistics. Focus is on applications of state-of-the-art statistical techniques and their underlying theory.		
Course Contents & Topics	Contents may be selected from: (1) Basic asymptotic methods: modes of convergence; stochastic orders; laws of large numbers; central limit theorems; delta method; Edgeworth expansions; saddlepoint approximations. (2) Parametric and nonparametric likelihood methods: high-order approximations; profile likelihood and its variants; signed likelihood ratio statistics; empirical likelihood. (3) Nonparametric statistical inference: sample quantiles; sign and rank tests; Kolmogorov-Smirnov test; nonparametric regression; density estimation; kernel methods. (4) Computationally-intensive methods: cross-validation; bootstrap; permutation methods. (5) Robust methods: measures of robustness; M-estimator; L-estimator; R-estimator; estimating functions. (6) U-statistics, projection methods. (7) Other topics as determined by the instructor.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 comprehend the language and technicalities found in statistical research literature CLO 2 understand the use of standard mathematical tools for conducting statistical research CLO 3 apply a variety of research tools to solve standard statistical problems CLO 4 acquire exposure to some developments in contemporary statistical research		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.		
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 1st sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y	**Examination**	Dec

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Communication-intensive Course	N		
Course Type	Lecture-based course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Efron, B. and Tibshirani, R.J. (1993). An Introduction to the Bootstrap. Chapman & Hall: New York. Owen, A.B. (2001). Empirical Likelihood. Chapman & Hall: Boca Raton. Shao, J. (1999). Mathematical Statistics. Springer: New York. Vaart, A. (1998). Asymptotic Statistics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT7610	**Advanced probability (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof M Hofert, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(mhofert@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof M Hofert,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course provides an introduction to measure theory and probability. The course will focus on some basic concepts in theoretical probability which are important for students to do research in actuarial science, probability and statistics.		
Course Contents & Topics	Contents include: sigma-algebra, measurable space, measure and probability, measure space and probability space, measurable functions, random variables, integration theory, characteristic functions, convergence of random variables, Hilbert spaces, conditional expectation, martingales.		
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 understand the fundamental measure theory and probability theory		

	CLO 2	learn the general concept of integration, understand the monotone convergence theorem, Fatou's lemma and dominated convergence theorem
	CLO 3	understand the concept of conditional expectation
	CLO 4	have some elementary knowledge of martingale

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3603 or STAT3903 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	Y 2nd sem Offer in 2026 - 2027 : Y		**Examination**	May

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	60	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	40	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Jean Jacod and Philip Protter: Probability Essentials (Universitext, Springer-Verlag, New York, 2004, 2nd edition) Chung K. L.: A Course in Probability Theory (Academic Press, 2001, 3rd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT7611	**Computational statistics (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved			
Course Objectives	This course aims to give undergraduate and postgraduate students in statistics a background in modern computationally intensive methods in statistics. It emphasizes the role of computation as a fundamental tool of discovery in data analysis, of statistical inference, and for development of statistical theory and methods.		
Course Contents & Topics	Contents include: Bayesian statistics, Markov chain Monte Carlo methods including Gibbs sampler, the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm, and data augmentation; Generation of random variables including the inversion methods, rejection sampling, the sampling/importance resampling method; Optimization techniques including Newton' s method, expectation-maximization (EM) algorithm and its variants, and minorization-maximization (MM) algorithms; Integration including Laplace approximations, Gaussian quadrature, the importance sampling method; and other topics such as Hidden Markov models, neural networks, and Bootstrap methods.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:	
	CLO 1	understand the importance of the technique for generating random variables in Bayesian statistics, Monte Carlo integration and bootstrapping methods
	CLO 2	realize the advantages and disadvantages of the Newton-Raphson algorithm and the Fisher scoring algorithm and apply them to fit generalized linear models
	CLO 3	understand the essence and basic principle of the EM-type algorithms and MM-type algorithms, realize their range of application, and apply them to solve practical problems
	CLO 4	apply EM-type algorithms to find the posterior mode and apply Markov chain Monte Carlo methods to generate posterior samples
	CLO 5	apply Bootstrap methods to obtain estimated standard errors of estimators and confidence intervals of parameters for both parametric and non-parametric cases

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N		**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply

		knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, practical work, and a term test)	50	CLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Required/recommended reading and online materials	Tan, M., Tian, G.L. and Ng, K.W: Bayesian Missing Data Problems: EM, Data Augmentation and Non-iterative Computation (Chapman & Hall/CRC, Boca Raton, 2010). Givens, G.H. and Hoeting, J.A.: Computational Statistics (Wiley, 2005) Robert, C.P. and Casella, G.: Monte Carlo Statistical Methods (Springer, 2005, 2nd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT7614	**Advanced statistical modelling (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---
Course Co-ordinator	Prof C Wang, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(stacw@hku.hk)*		
Teachers Involved	(Prof C Wang,Statistics & Actuarial Science)		
Course Objectives	This course introduces modern methods for constructing and evaluating statistical models and their implementation using popular computing software, such as R or Python. It will cover both the underlying principles of each modelling approach and the model estimation procedures.		
Course Contents & Topics	Topics from: (i) Linear regression models; (ii) Generalized linear models; (iii) Model selection and regularization; (iv) Kernel and local polynomial regression; selection of smoothing parameters; (v) Generalized additive models; (vi) Hidden Markov models and Bayesian networks.		

Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
	CLO 1 describe clearly the basic characteristic and rationale behind the formulation of each statistical model
	CLO 2 identify for a given set of data the most suitable statistical model and tools to use
	CLO 3 demonstrate the ability of using computing software for building scoring models for various management and prediction problems involving binary and counting responses; employing the powerful tool of kernel smoothing using R or Python for real data mining problems

Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT3600 or STAT3907 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.			
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N	Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N	**Examination**	---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)		
	A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
	B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
	C	Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills.
	D	Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills.
	Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		24
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	50	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments and class test(s))	50	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	R.H. Myers et al., 2010: Generalized Linear Models (2nd ed.), Wiley W. Hardle et al., 2004: Nonparametric and Semi-parametric Models. Springer W. Zucchini & I.L. MacDonald, 2009: Hidden Markov Models for Time Series: An Introduction Using R, CRC Press M. Scutari & J. Denis, 2015: Bayesian Networks: with Examples in R, CRC Press
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

STAT7615	**Advanced quantitative risk management and finance (6 credits)**	**Academic Year**	2025
Offering Department	SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science)	**Quota**	---

Course Co-ordinator	TBC, SCDS (Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science) *(ugenq@hku.hk)*
Teachers Involved	
Course Objectives	This course covers statistical methods and models of importance to risk management and finance and links finance theory to market practice via statistical modeling and decision making. Emphases will be put on empirical analyses to address the discrepancy between finance theory and market data.
Course Contents & Topics	Contents include: Elementary Stochastic Calculus; Basic Monte Carlo and Quasi-Monte Carlo Methods; Variance Reduction Techniques; Simulating the value of options and the value-at-risk for risk management; Review of univariate volatility models; multivariate volatility models; Value-at-risk and expected shortfall; estimation, back-testing and stress testing; Extreme value theory for risk management.
Course Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 apply Monte Carlo methods to determine the value of options and other derivative securities CLO 2 predict volatility of a set of securities using appropriate models CLO 3 estimate the value-at-risk under extreme value theory
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Pass in STAT4608 Only for students admitted in 2024-25 or before.
Offer in 2025 - 2026	N Offer in 2026 - 2027 : N **Examination** ---

Grade Descriptors (A+ to F)	
A	Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills.
B	Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills.
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Fail	Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities, logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.

Communication-intensive Course	N
Course Type	Lecture-based course

Course Teaching & Learning Activities	**Activities**	**Details**	**No. of Hours**
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		12
	Reading / Self study		100

Assessment Methods and Weighting	**Methods**	**Details**	**Weighting in final course grade (%)**	**Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping**
	Examination	One 2-hour written examination	75	CLO 1, 2, 3
	Assignments	Coursework (assignments, tutorials, and a class test)	25	CLO 1, 2, 3

Required/recommended reading and online materials	McLeish, Don L.: Monte Carlo Simulation & Finance. (Wiley, 2005). Glasserman, Paul: Monte Carlo Methods in Financial Engineering. (Springer, 2003). Danielsson Jon: Financial Risk Forecasting (Willy 2011) McNeil, A. J., Frey, R. & Embrechts, P.: Quantitative Risk Management (Princeton, 2005) Tsay, R.S.: Analysis of Financial Time Series (Wiley, 2010, 3rd edition)
Course Website	http://moodle.hku.hk

SECTION X

Degree Regulations

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REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSc)

For students admitted to the BSc degree curriculum to the first year in the academic year 2025-26 and thereafter, and students admitted directly to the third year in the academic year 2025-26 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

Definitions

Sc1[1] For the purpose of these regulations and the syllabuses for the BSc degree, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Science course" means any course offered by the Faculty of Science, and the School of Biomedical Sciences.

"Advanced Science course" means any level 3, 4 or above course offered by the Faculty of Science and the School of Biomedical Sciences.

"Course" means a course of study, with a credit value expressed as a number of credit-units as specified in the syllabuses for a degree curriculum.

"Syllabus" means courses taught by faculties, departments, centres, and schools, offered under a degree curriculum.

"Credits" or "credit-units" means the value assigned to each course to indicate its study load relative to the total study load under a degree curriculum. The study load refers to the hours of student learning activities and experiences, both within and outside the classroom, and includes contact hours and time spent on assessment tasks and examinations. Candidates who satisfactorily complete courses with a credit value earn the credits assigned to these courses.

Admission to the BSc degree

Sc2 To be eligible for admission to the BSc degree, candidates shall:

(a) comply with the General Regulations;

(b) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; and

(c) satisfy all the requirements of the curriculum in accordance with these regulations and the syllabuses.

Period of study

Sc3 The curriculum for the BSc degree shall normally require eight semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than four academic years, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of six academic years.

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[1] This regulation should be read in conjunction with UG1 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.

Selection of courses

Sc4 Candidates shall select their courses in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabuses before the beginning of each semester. Any change to the selection of courses shall be made only during the add/drop period of the semester in which the course begins, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the designated add/drop period of the semester shall not be considered.

Curriculum requirements and progression in curriculum

Sc5

(a) Candidates shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG5 of the Regulations of First Degree Curricula.

(b) Candidates shall take not fewer than 240 credits, in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabuses.

(c) Candidates shall take at least 96 credits of Science courses including all required courses of the major programme of the BSc degree curriculum.

(d) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 30 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty, or except in the last semester of study when the number of outstanding credits required to complete the curriculum requirements may be fewer than 24 credits.

(e) Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, and/or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty, candidates 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 for the normative period of study specified in the curriculum regulations, save as provided for under Sc5(f).

(f) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of the Faculty may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 432 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in the curriculum regulations.

(g) Candidates may, with the approval of the Board of the Faculty, transfer credits for courses completed at other institutions at any time during their candidature. The number of transferred credits will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate, but the results of courses completed at other institutions shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA. The number of credits to be transferred shall not exceed half of the total credits normally required under the degree curricula of the candidates during their candidature at the University.

(h) Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:
  (i) failed to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters, or
  (ii) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), or
  (iii) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in Sc3, unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty.

Advanced standing

Sc6 Advanced standing may be granted to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully before admission to the curriculum in accordance with UG2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. Credits granted for advanced standing will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate but shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA.

Assessment

Sc7

(a) Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/or any other assessable activities. Only passed courses will earn credits.

(b) Candidates who are unable, because of illness, to be present at the written examination of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to be held before the beginning of the First Semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

(c) Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a D grade or above for the purpose of upgrading.

(d) Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner: repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessment, or for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

(e) There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

Award of BSc Degree

Sc8 To be eligible for the award of the BSc degree, candidates shall have:

(a) satisfied the requirements in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula;

(b) passed not fewer than 240 credits, comprising 96 credits of the required courses as prescribed in the regular major programme, or 144 credits (or a higher credit requirement by the accredited bodies) of the prescribed courses in the intensive major programme, of the BSc degree curriculum.

Honours classification

Sc9

(a) Honours classifications shall be awarded in five divisions: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two, Third Class Honours, and Pass. The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the Degree of BSc in accordance with the following Graduation GPA scores, with all courses taken (including failed courses, but not including courses approved by the Senate graded as 'Pass', 'Fail' or 'Distinction') carrying weightings which are proportionate to their credit values* :

Class of honours	*GGPA range*
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
Division One	3.00 – 3.59
Division Two	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass	1.00 – 1.69

(b) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Graduation GPA and the Board of Examiners for the Degree of BSc may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Graduation GPA falls below the range stipulated in UG9(a) of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.

(c) A list of candidates who have successfully completed all degree requirements shall be posted on Faculty noticeboards.

* For students in the 2025-26 intake and thereafter who have successfully completed six 6-credit Common Core courses, the calculation of Graduation GPA is subject to the proviso that either five 6-credit Common Core courses with the highest grades (covering all five Areas of Inquiry), or all six 6-credit courses will be counted towards Graduation GPA, depending on which generates the higher Graduation GPA. For students who have successfully completed two 3-credit Common Core Microcredentials in place of one 6-credit Common Core course, the average grade point of the two 3-credit courses will be treated as the grade point of one 6-credit Common Core course.

For students admitted to the BSc degree curriculum to the first year in the academic year 2024-25 or before, and students admitted directly to the third year in the academic year 2024-25 or before.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

Definitions

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Admission to the BSc degree

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(a) comply with the General Regulations;

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Period of study

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Selection of courses

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(d) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 30 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty, or except in the last semester of study when the number of outstanding credits required to complete the curriculum requirements may be fewer than 24 credits.

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Award of BSc Degree

Sc8 To be eligible for the award of the BSc degree, candidates shall have:

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Honours classification

Sc9

(a) Honours classifications shall be awarded in five divisions: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two, Third Class Honours, and Pass. The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the Degree of BSc in accordance with the following Graduation GPA scores, with all courses taken (including failed courses, but not including courses approved by the Senate graded as 'Pass', 'Fail' or 'Distinction') carrying weightings which are proportionate to their credit values* :

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(b) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Graduation GPA and the Board of Examiners for the Degree of BSc may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Graduation GPA falls below the range stipulated in UG9(a) of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.

(c) A list of candidates who have successfully completed all degree requirements shall be posted on Faculty noticeboards.

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REGULATIONS FOR FIRST DEGREE CURRICULA[1]

(See also General Regulations)

UG 1 Definitions:

For the purpose of regulations and syllabuses for all first degree curricula unless otherwise defined —

An 'academic year' comprises two semesters, the first semester to commence in September and end in December, and the second semester to commence in January and end in May/June, on dates as prescribed by the Senate. It includes, normally at the end of each semester, a period during which candidates are assessed. For some curricula, a 'summer semester' may be organized in addition to the normal two semesters. Clinical curricula have extended semesters.

A 'summer semester' normally comprises seven to eight weeks of intensive timetabled teaching and assessment to commence four weeks after the end of the second semester assessment period, and to conclude about one week before the start of the next academic year.

The 'maximum period of registration' is equivalent to a period which is 150% of the curriculum's normative period of study as specified in the degree regulations, provided that where this results in a residual fraction of an academic year, the fractional period shall be extended to one full academic year.

'Degree curriculum' means the entire study requirements for the award of an undergraduate degree.

'Major programme' means the study requirements, including a capstone experience, for a single major area of disciplinary, interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary study, accumulating not fewer than 72 credits nor more than 96 credits, as prescribed in the syllabuses for a degree curriculum.

'Minor programme' means the study requirements for a single minor area of disciplinary, interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary study, accumulating not fewer than 36 credits nor more than 48 credits, as prescribed in the syllabuses for a degree curriculum.

'Professional core' refers to the study requirements, including a capstone experience, prescribed in the regulations and syllabuses for disciplinary studies in degree curricula which are not structured as major/minor programmes for reasons relating to professional qualification and/or accreditation.

'Course' means a course of study, with a credit value expressed as a number of credit-units as specified in the syllabuses for a degree curriculum.

'Disciplinary elective course' or 'Disciplinary Elective' means any course offered in the same major or minor programme or the professional core which can be taken by candidates to fulfill the curriculum requirements as specified in the syllabuses of the degree curriculum.

'Elective course' or 'Elective' means any course offered within the same or another curriculum, other than compulsory courses in the candidate's degree curriculum, that can be taken by the candidate in order to complete the credit requirements of the degree curriculum.

'Capstone experience' refers to one or more courses within the major programme or professional core which are approved by the Board of the Faculty for the purpose of integrating knowledge and skills acquired, and which are prescribed in the syllabuses of the degree curriculum.

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[1] These regulations are applicable to candidates admitted from 2025-26 onwards. Reference in these regulations to the powers of the Boards of Faculties shall be applicable to Senate Boards of Studies which administer first degree curricula.

'Syllabus' means courses taught by departments, centres, and schools, offered under a degree curriculum.

'Prerequisite' means a course or a group of courses which candidates must have completed successfully or a requirement which candidates must have fulfilled before being permitted to take the course in question.

'Corequisite' means a course which candidates must take in conjunction with the course in question.

'Credits' or 'credit-units' means the value assigned to each course to indicate its study load relative to the total study load under a degree curriculum. The study load refers to the hours of student learning activities and experiences, both within and outside the classroom, and includes contact hours and time spent on assessment tasks and examinations. Candidates who satisfactorily complete courses with a credit value earn the credits assigned to these courses.

'Grade Points' are standardized measurements of candidates' academic achievement in courses taken to satisfy the requirements of the degree curriculum and are expressed as a scale prescribed in these regulations.

'Grade Point Average' is a numerical measure of a candidate's academic achievement over a specified period of time. Each course attempted (including each failed course) is assigned a numerical value, with all courses carrying equal weighting. This numerical value is the product of grade points earned for the course and the credit value of that course. The 'Grade Point Average' is the sum of these numerical values divided by the total number of credits attempted:

$$GPA = \frac{\sum_{i} \textit{Course Grade Point} \times \textit{Course Credit Value}}{\sum_{i} \textit{Course Credit Value}}$$

(where 'i' stands for all passed and failed courses taken by the student over a specified period)

'Semester Grade Point Average' or 'Semester GPA' is the GPA in respect of courses attempted by a candidate (including failed courses) during a given semester.

'Year Grade Point Average' or 'Year GPA' is the GPA in respect of courses attempted by a candidate (including failed courses) during a given academic year.

'Cumulative Grade Point Average' or 'Cumulative GPA' is the GPA in respect of courses attempted by a candidate (including failed courses) at the time of calculation.

'Graduation Grade Point Average' or 'Graduation GPA' is the GPA in respect of courses attempted by a candidate (including failed courses) at the point of graduation. For students in the 2017-18 intake and thereafter who have successfully completed six Common Core courses, the calculation of Graduation GPA is subject to the proviso that either five Common Core courses with the highest grades (covering all four Areas of Inquiry), or all six courses will be counted towards Graduation GPA, depending on which generates the higher Graduation GPA.

'Assessment' refers to judgment about the quality and extent to which a student has achieved the stated learning objectives or learning outcomes. It includes all types of assessment activities which allow for such a judgment to be made. For the purpose of interpreting the relevant provisions of the Ordinance and the Statutes and where appropriate, reference to 'examination' or 'examinations' in the Ordinance and the Statutes shall include and cover all forms of 'assessment' and its related processes.

A 'transcript' refers to a transcript of the record of study of a candidate, issued by the Registry of the University.

UG 2 Advanced standing:

Advanced standing may be granted to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully before admission to the curriculum. Candidates who are awarded Advanced Standing will not be granted any further credit transfer for those studies for which Advanced Standing has been granted. The amount of credits to be granted for advanced standing shall be determined by the Board of the Faculty, in accordance with the following principles:

(a) at least half the number of credits of the degree curriculum normally required for award of the degree shall be accumulated through study at this University or from transfer of credits for courses completed at other institutions in accordance with Regulation UG 4(d); and

(b) in accordance with Statute III.5 and notwithstanding the granting of advanced and/or transfer credits, a minimum of two semesters of study at this University shall be required before a candidate is considered for the award of a first degree, other than a degree in medicine or surgery, and a minimum of four semesters of study at this University shall be required before a candidate is considered for a first degree in medicine or surgery.

Credits granted for advanced standing shall not normally be included in the calculation of the GPA unless permitted by the Board of the Faculty but will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate.

UG 3 Period of study:

The period of study of the curriculum shall be specified in the regulations governing the degree. To be eligible for award of the degree, a candidate shall fulfill all curriculum requirements within the maximum period of registration, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

UG 4 Progression in curriculum:

(a) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 30 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty, or except in the last semester of study when the number of outstanding credits required to complete the curriculum requirements is fewer than 24 credits.

(b) Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, and/or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty, candidates 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 for the normative period of study specified in the curriculum regulations, save as provided for under UG4(c).

(c) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of the Faculty may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load for the maximum period of registration specified in the curriculum regulations.

(d) Candidates may, with the approval of the Board of the Faculty, transfer credits for courses completed at other institutions at any time during their candidature. The number of transferred credits may be recorded in the transcript of the candidate, but the results of courses completed at other institutions shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA. The number of credits to be transferred shall not exceed half of the total credits normally required under the degree curricula of the candidates during their candidature at the University.

(e) Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty, candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:

(i) failed to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters, or

(ii) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), or

(iii) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in the regulations of the degree.

UG 5 Requirements for graduation:

To be eligible for admission to the degree, candidates shall fulfill within the maximum period of registration the following requirements mandated by the Senate in addition to the requirements prescribed in the regulations and syllabuses governing the degree curriculum:

(a) successful completion of a non-credit bearing Academic Communication in English course, unless they are exempted through having achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent;

(b) successful completion of 6 credits in English in the Discipline course[2] specified for the degree curriculum;

(c) successful completion of 6 credits in Chinese language enhancement course[3] specified for the degree curriculum;

(d) unless otherwise prescribed in the curriculum regulations and syllabuses, successful completion of 36 credits in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least 6 credits and not more than 12 credits from each Area of Inquiry with not more than 24 credits being selected within one academic year except where candidates are required to make up for failed credits;

(e) successful completion of 6 credits in artificial intelligence literacy;

(f) successful completion of a non-credit bearing course in national education and national security education, and any non-credit bearing courses as may be required from time to time; and

(g) successful completion of a capstone experience specified for their degree curriculum.

UG 6 Exemption:

Candidates may be exempted, with or without special conditions attached, from any of the requirements in UG 5 by the Senate in exceptional circumstances. Candidates who are so exempted must replace the number of exempted credits with courses of the same credit value.

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[2] (i) To satisfy the English in the Discipline (ED) requirement, candidates who have passed the ED course for a Major but subsequently change that Major are required to pass the ED course for the new Major, or either of the double Majors finally declared upon graduation.

(ii) Candidates declaring double Majors are not required to take a second ED course but may be advised by the Programme Director to do so. If they fail in the ED course for one of the Majors, they can either re-take and successfully complete that failed ED course, or successfully complete the ED course for the other Major

(iii) Candidates who undertake studies in dual degrees are not required to take a second ED course but may be advised by the Programme Director to do so.

[3] Candidates who did not study Chinese language during their secondary education and have not reached the required proficiency level for the Chinese language enhancement course specified for the degree curriculum may take a course in either Chinese language or Chinese culture in lieu.

UG 7 Assessment:

(a) Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/or any other assessable activities. Only passed courses will earn credits.

(b) Candidates who are unable, because of illness, to be present at the written examination of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to be held before the beginning of the First Semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

(c) Candidates suspended under Statute XXXI shall not be allowed to take, present themselves for, and participate in any assessments during the period of suspension, unless otherwise permitted by the Senate.

(d) Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a D grade or above for the purpose of upgrading.

(e) Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner as prescribed in the curriculum regulations:

(i) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or

(ii) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or

(iii) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or

(iv) for elective courses, taking another course *in lieu* and satisfying the assessment requirements.

(f) There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

UG 8 Grading system:

(a) The grades, their standards and the grade points for assessment shall be as follows[4]:

Grade	*Standard*	*Grade Point*
A+	Excellent	4.3
A		4.0
A-		3.7
B+	Good	3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+	Satisfactory	2.3
C		2.0
C-		1.7
D+	Pass	1.3
D		1.0
F	Fail	0

[4] UG 8 is not applicable to the respective Professional Core of the BDS and MBBS curricula.

(b) Special permission may be given by Senate for courses in individual curricula to be graded as 'Pass', 'Fail' or 'Distinction'. Such courses will not be included in the calculation of the GPA.

UG 9 Honours classifications:

(a) Honours classifications shall be awarded in five divisions[5]: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two, Third Class Honours, and Pass. The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the degree in accordance with the following Graduate GPA scores (GGPA), with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying weightings which are proportionate to their credit values[6]:

Class of honours	*GGPA range*
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
Division One	3.00 – 3.59
Division Two	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass	1.00 – 1.69

(b) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Graduation GPA and the Board of Examiners for the degree may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Graduation GPA falls below the range stipulated in UG9(a) of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.

(c) A list of candidates who have successfully completed all degree requirements shall be posted on Faculty noticeboards.

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[5] UG 9 is not applicable to the BChinMed, BDS and MBBS curricula.

[6] For students in the 2025–2026 intake and thereafter who have successfully completed six 6-credit Common Core courses, the calculation of Graduation GPA is subject to the proviso that either five 6-credit Common Core courses with the highest grades (covering all five Areas of Inquiry), or all six 6-credit courses will be counted towards Graduation GPA, depending on which generates the higher Graduation GPA. For students who have successfully completed two 3-credit Common Core Microcredentials in place of one 6-credit Common Core course, the average grade point of the two 3-credit courses will be treated as the grade point of a 6-credit Common Core course.

SECTION XI

Teaching Weeks

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Teaching Weeks 2025-26 for Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Students

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
SEP-25		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				
OCT-25				[1]	2	3	4
	5	6	[7]	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	[29]	30	31	
NOV-25							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						
DEC-25		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	(24)	[25]	[26]	27
	28	29	30	<31>			
JAN-26					[1]	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
FEB-26	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	<16>	[17]	[18]	[19]	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
MAR-26	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	(16)	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				
APR-26				1	2	[3]	[4]
	5	[6]	[7]	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		
MAY-26						[1]	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	[25]	26	27	28	29	30
	31						
JUN-26		1	2	3	4	5	6
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	14	15	16	17	18	[19]	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				
JUL-26				[1]	2	3	4
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	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
AUG-26							1
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	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

FIRST SEMESTER: SEP 1 - DEC 23, 2025	**Week**
First Day of Teaching: Sep 1, 2025	1
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	5
	6
Reading/Field Trip Week: Oct 13 - 18, 2025	7(Reading)
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	10
	11
	12
Last Day of Teaching: Nov 29, 2025	13
Revision Period: Dec 1 - 5, 2025	14(Revision)
Assessment Period: Dec 6 - 23, 2025	1
	2
	3
	Break
	Break
SECOND SEMESTER: JAN 19 - MAY 26, 2026	Break
First Day of Teaching: Jan 19, 2026	1
	2
	3
Class Suspension Period for the Lunar New Year:	4
Feb 17 - 23, 2026	5
	6
Reading/Field Trip Week: Mar 9 - 14, 2026	7(Reading)
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	10
	11
	12
	13
	14
Last Day of Teaching: May 2, 2026	
Revision Period: May 4 - 9, 2026	15(Revision)
Assessment Period: May 11 - 26, 2026	1
	2
	3
	Break
	Break
	Break
OPTIONAL SUMMER SEMESTER	Break
JUN 29 - AUG 22, 2026	1
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	4
	5
	6
	7
	8

[ ] General Holiday

( ) University Holiday (Full Day)

< > University Holiday (afternoon only)

Reading/Field Trip Week

Revision Period

Class Suspension Period for the Lunar New Year

Assessment Period

Notes:

First Semester: 12 Mondays, 11 Tuesdays, 10 Wednesdays, 12 Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
Second Semester: 10.5 Mondays, 12 Tuesdays, 13 Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 Fridays, 12 Saturdays

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