

Curriculum of BSc&LLB Degrees

All students admitted to the first year of the 6858 BSc&LLB programme in the academic year of 2022-23 and thereafter are required to complete one Science major out of the 14 regular Science majors as your major for the award of the BSc degree. In addition to the Science major, you are required to take the required LLB professional/interdisciplinary core/elective courses for the award of the LLB degree.

To complete the BSc&LLB curriculum, you have to pass not fewer than a total of 300 credits normally spread over five years of full-time study. You should take 60 credits of courses in each year.

Curriculum structure of the BSc&LLB Degrees (300 credits)

The BSc and LLB curriculum comprises 300 credits of courses as follows:

- (a) 96 credits for the Science major (Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Decision Analytics, Earth System Science, Ecology & Biodiversity, Environmental Science, Food & Nutritional Science, Geology, Mathematics, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, Physics, Risk Management, Statistics) as follows:

Majors*	Introductory Disciplinary courses**	Advanced Disciplinary courses***
1. Biochemistry 2. Geology 3. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology 4. Risk Management 5. Statistics	42 credits	54 credits
1. Biological Sciences 2. Chemistry 3. Decision Analytics 4. Earth System Science 5. Ecology & Biodiversity 6. Environmental Science 7. Mathematics 8. Physics	48 credits	48 credits
1. Food & Nutritional Science	60 credits	36 credits

* As prescribed by the Faculty of Science in the syllabuses of the respective Science major.

** Including 2 Science Foundation courses[#].

*** Including the capstone course for the degree of BSc.

- (b) 156 credits of the LLB professional core comprising 126 credits of compulsory courses, 18 credits of disciplinary electives¹, and 12 credits of interdisciplinary core courses (LSCI1001 Law, science and innovation and LSCI3001 Patent law);
- (c) 12 credits of Law and Science interdisciplinary electives as prescribed in the syllabus; and
- (d) 36 credits of University requirements, including 6 credits of CAES1000 Core University English*, 6 credits of CSCI9001 Practical Chinese for Science students[^], and 24 credits of Common Core, and any non-credit bearing courses as required.

¹ Law electives listed in the syllabus for the degree of LLB.

As a graduation requirement, students need to complete a capstone experience for the BSc as prescribed in the syllabus of the respective Science major, and another capstone experience for the LLB professional core, LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution (6 credits), in the fourth or fifth year.

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.

* 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**
- 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 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 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.*

Please note that:

- **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.**

^ 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). 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.