

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Faculty of Social Science

Requirements of Major Programmes for 2026 Entry
(Social Science Broad-based Students)

Component		No. of Units											
		Architectural Studies	Economics	Geography and Resource Management	Government and Public Administration	Journalism and Communication	Global Communication	Sociology	Psychology	Urban Studies	Global Studies	Data Science and Policy Studies	Global Economics and Finance
Major	Faculty Package	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
	Major Required	63	27	27	24	33	30	27	31	35	30	24	34
	Major Elective	6	36	36	39	30	33	33	24	27	21	39	24
	(a) Total	78	72	72	72	72	72	69	64	71	60	72	67
University Core	Chinese Language	5											
	English Language	8											
	University GE	13											
	College GE	6											
	Understanding China	1											
	Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order	1											
	Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking	3											
	Physical Education	2											
	(b) Total	39											
Free Elective	Remaining Units (123 - (a) - (b))	6	12	12	12	12	12	15	20	13	24	12	17
	TOTAL (At least 123 Units)	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123

For details, please refer to the [Undergraduate Student Handbook \(2026-27\)](https://rgsntl.rgs.cuhk.edu.hk/aqs_prd_applx/Public/Handbook/Default.aspx?id=1642&tv=T&lang=en) at https://rgsntl.rgs.cuhk.edu.hk/aqs_prd_applx/Public/Handbook/Default.aspx?id=1642&tv=T&lang=en

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Requirements of Major Programmes for 2026 Entry
(Social Science Broad-based Students with Advanced Standing)

Component		No. of Units											
		Architectural Studies	Economics	Geography and Resource Management	Government and Public Administration	Journalism and Communication	Global Communication	Sociology	Psychology	Urban Studies	Global Studies	Data Science and Policy Studies	Global Economics and Finance
Major	Faculty Package~*	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	Major Required	63	27	27	24	33	30	27	31	35	30	24	34
	Major Elective	6	36	36	39	30	33	33	24	27	21	39	24
	(a) Total	75	69	69	69	69	69	66	61	68	57	69	64
University Core	Chinese Language	0											
	English Language	5											
	University GE	5											
	College GE	6											
	Understanding China	1											
	Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order	1											
	Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking	0											
	Physical Education	1											
	(b) Total (If students are granted exemption of 20 units* for University Core courses)	19											
Free Elective	Remaining Units (99 - (a) - (b))	5	11	11	11	11	11	14	19	12	23	11	16
	TOTAL (At least 99 Units, if students are granted exemption of 24 units* in total)	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99

~ Students should fulfill 9-unit Faculty Package requirement. Students with advanced standing status may apply for 3-unit exemption through CUSIS. For students who intend to apply for exemption from the Faculty Package courses of the Faculty of Social Science, they should approach the Faculty Office of Social Science for advice first before they submit the application via CUSIS.

* If course and unit exemptions are granted, the minimum units of courses required for graduation for students admitted with advance standing can be reduced by up to 24 units (which should already include any unit exemptions in the University Core Requirements). The total units required for graduation for students admitted with advance standing may vary because of individual difference in course and unit exemptions, and that the total course and unit exemptions gained need not equal 24 units. For details, please refer to the [Undergraduate Student Handbook \(2026-27\)](https://rgsntl.rgs.cuhk.edu.hk/aqs_prd_applx/Public/Handbook/Default.aspx?id=1642&tv=T&lang=en) at https://rgsntl.rgs.cuhk.edu.hk/aqs_prd_applx/Public/Handbook/Default.aspx?id=1642&tv=T&lang=en

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Requirements of Major Programmes for 2026 Entry
(Social Science Broad-based Mainland Gaokao Students)

Component		No. of Units												
		Architectural Studies	Economics	Geography and Resource Management	Government and Public Administration	Journalism and Communication	Global Communication	Sociology	Psychology	Urban Studies	Global Studies	Data Science and Policy Studies	Social Work	Global Economics and Finance
Major	Faculty Package	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
	Major Required	63	27	27	24	33	30	27	31	35	30	24	51	34
	Major Elective	6	36	36	39	30	33	33	24	27	21	39	12	24
	(a) Total	78	72	72	72	72	72	69	64	71	60	72	72	67
University Core	Chinese Language	5												
	English Language	8												
	University GE	13												
	College GE	6												
	Understanding China	1												
	Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order	1												
	Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking	3												
	Physical Education	2												
	(b) Total	39												
Free Elective	Remaining Units (123 - (a) - (b))	6	12	12	12	12	12	15	20	13	24	12	12	17
	TOTAL (At least 123 Units)	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123

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Recommended Course Pattern for Social Science Broad-based Students (2026 Entry)

An Example of Major Unit Requirements of 72 Units (Journalism & Communication)		Unit		Major Requirement	University Core	Free Elective
Year 1	Faculty Package (FP) Courses (3 courses)	9		9		
	Intended Major or Extra FP Course(s) (2 courses) *	6		6		
	<i>[pre-assigned]</i> Term 1: ELTU 1001 Foundation English for University Studies	3			3	
	<i>[pre-assigned]</i> Term 2: CHLT 1001 University Chinese I	3			3	
	GE Foundation Course: #	3			3	
	UGFH 1000 In Dialogue with Humanity /					
	UGFN 1000 In Dialogue with Nature					
	College GE **#	3			3	
	UGCP1001 Understanding China	1			1	
	<i>[pre-assigned]</i> Term 2: ENGG1003 Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking ^	3			3	
	Physical Education (2 courses)	2			2	
Year 1 Total		33		15	18	0
Year 2	Major Courses	21		21		
	GE Foundation Course: #	3			3	
	UGFH 1000 In Dialogue with Humanity /					
	UGFN 1000 In Dialogue with Nature					
	ELTU English Course	3			3	
	CHLT 1002 University Chinese II	2			2	
	UGCP1002 Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order	1			1	
	University GE (1 courses) #	3			3	
Year 2 Total		33	0	21	12	0
Year 3	Major Courses	18		18		
	ELTU English Course	2			2	
	University GE (2 courses) #	4			4	
Year 3 Total		24		18	6	0
Year 4	Major Courses	18		18		
	College GE **#	3			3	
	Free Electives	12				12
Year 4 Total		33		18	3	12
Years 1 - 4 TOTAL		123		72	39	12

* Extra FP courses that exceed FP requirement will be counted towards free elective courses. Students should refer to the major requirements and study schemes of programmes concerned.

** Different colleges offer 1-unit / 2-unit / 3-unit courses. Students have to complete courses in a total of 6 units to fulfill the University Core requirements. Please refer to <https://www.oge.cuhk.edu.hk/learning/college-ge/> for more information.

Please refer to the "General Education Programme — Study Schemes and Course Lists"

(https://rgsntl.rgs.cuhk.edu.hk/aqs_prd_applx/Public/Handbook/Default.aspx?id=1901&tv=F&lang=en) for details regarding University GE, College GE and GE Foundation courses.

^ Two versions (ENGG1003 and ENGG1004) of the course are offered with focus on digital/data literacy and quantitative reasoning, respectively. ENGG1004 is specified for students who major in Psychology (PSYC) or Data Science and Policy Studies (DSPS) only. For further information, please refer to the list of "Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking Course to be taken by students"

(https://rgsntl.rgs.cuhk.edu.hk/aqs_prd_applx/Public/Handbook/document.aspx?id=1954&tv=F&lang=en).

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Recommended Course Pattern for Social Science Broad-based Students (with Advanced Standing) - 2026 Entry

An Example of Major Unit Requirements of 69 Units, granted exemption of 20 Units for University Core (Journalism & Communication)		Unit	Major Requirement	University Core	Free Elective
Year 1	Faculty Package Courses (2 courses)~	6	6		
	Intended Major or Extra FP Course(s) (5 courses) *	18	12		6
	GE Foundation Course: #	3		3	
	UGFH 1000 In Dialogue with Humanity /				
	UGFN 1000 In Dialogue with Nature				
	College GE ** #	3		3	
	Physical Education (1 course)	1		1	
	[pre-assigned] CHLT1104 Self-Learning Elementary Chinese /	0			
	CHLT1105 Self-Learning Chinese (non-credit bearing Chinese courses)	0			
	UGCP1001 Understanding China	1		1	
	ELTU 1001 Foundation English for University Studies				
	CHLT 1100 University Chinese I				
	ENGG 1003/1004 Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking				
	Year 1 Total	32	18	8	6
Year 2	Major Courses	27	27		
	ELTU English Course	3		3	
	UGCP1002 Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order	1		1	
	University GE Area A (UGEA) (1 course) #	2		2	
	CHLT 1200 University Chinese II				
	Year 2 Total	33	27	6	0
Year 3	Major Courses	24	24		
	ELTU English Course	2		2	
	Free Elective	5			5
	College GE ** #	3		3	
	Year 3 Total	34	24	5	5
Years 1 - 4 TOTAL		99	69	19	11

Remarks :

Students admitted with Advanced Standing, apart from being granted exemption from ELTU1001, CHLT1001 and 1002, 5 or 8 units of University General Education courses, 3 units of Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking and 1 unit of Physical Education, are eligible for further exemption from the 3-unit Discipline/faculty-specific English language course, the non-credit bearing Chinese course "Self-Learning Chinese" (CHLT1105) and specific courses designated by the Faculty based on specific qualifications and requirements obtained prior to student registration.

Students admitted with Advanced Standing who are exempted by the Senate from the Chinese language requirements for admission do NOT need to apply for exemption from CHLT1105. They will be pre-assigned the course "Self-Learning Elementary Chinese" (CHLT1104) in their first year of attendance.

The minimum number of units for graduation for students admitted with Advanced Standing may be reduced by up to 24 units (normative period of study may be reduced by up to one year).

For details, please refer to the "Information for New Students — University Core Requirements and Exemptions" on the Registry website (<https://www.res.cuhk.edu.hk/undergraduate-students/>).

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	Intended Major or Extra FP Course(s) (2 courses) *	6	6		
	<i>[pre-assigned]</i> Term 1: ELTU 1001 Foundation English for University Studies	3		3	
	<i>[pre-assigned]</i> Term 2: CHLT 1001 University Chinese I	3		3	
	GE Foundation Course: #	3		3	
	UGFH 1000 In Dialogue with Humanity /				
	UGFN 1000 In Dialogue with Nature				
	College GE **#	3		3	
	UGCP1001 Understanding China	1		1	
	<i>[pre-assigned]</i> Term 2: ENGG1003 Digital Literacy and Computational Thinking ^	3		3	
	Physical Education (2 courses)	2		2	
Year 1 Total		33	15	18	0
Year 2	Major Courses	21	21		
	GE Foundation Course: #	3		3	
	UGFH 1000 In Dialogue with Humanity /				
	UGFN 1000 In Dialogue with Nature				
	ELTU English Course	3		3	
	CHLT 1002 University Chinese II	2		2	
	UGCP1002 Hong Kong in the Wider Constitutional Order	1		1	
	University GE (1 course) #	3		3	
Year 2 Total		33	21	12	0
Year 3	Major Courses	18	18		
	ELTU English Course	2		2	
	University GE (2 courses) #	4		4	
Year 3 Total		24	18	6	0
Year 4	Major Courses	18	18		
	College GE **#	3		3	
	Free Electives	12			12
Year 4 Total		33	18	3	12
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