

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT****Bachelor of Social Sciences – Criminology (major and minor)**

The Bachelor of Social Sciences – Criminology programme consists of broadly four different types of courses which are taught using distinctive learning modes. All courses are 6-credit courses. Although we use 150 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours of around 36 hours and all other forms of student learning activity) as the norm for a 6-credit course, the contact hours and output requirements for different types of courses vary according to the learning modes employed.

1. *Introductory course* (6 credits)

The first-year course introduces students to the discipline of Sociology, which offers foundational insights in the working of criminology in the modern world, as well as an expansive link to other related disciplines in the social sciences and humanities on the subject. Teaching normally takes the form of one 2-hour lecture and one 1-hour tutorial or seminar each week throughout a regular 13-week semester. Outputs normally come in a mix of essay, project and presentation, totaling around 5,000 words, plus examination (40% coursework, 60% exam).

2. *Compulsory disciplinary courses* (6 credits)

The Bachelor of Social Sciences – Criminology programme requires three 6-credit courses as compulsory courses. Teaching normally takes the form of one 2-hour lecture and one 1-hour tutorial or seminar each week throughout a regular 13-week semester. Outputs normally come in a mix of essay, project and presentation, totaling around 5,000 words, plus examination (50% coursework, 50% exam).

3. *Elective disciplinary courses* (6 credits)

The Bachelor of Social Sciences – Criminology programme is structured to provide students with an in-depth and multidisciplinary understanding of crime and its control. The programme is based upon courses offered by Sociology and related disciplines such as Social work and Law. Different kinds of standard 6-credit courses are offered as electives. Teaching normally takes the form of one 2-hour lecture and one 1-hour tutorial or seminar each week throughout a regular 13-week semester. Outputs normally come in a mix of essay, project and presentation, totaling around 5,000 words, and/or examination (40 – 100% coursework, 0 – 60% exam).

4. *Research course* (6 credits)

The research course aims at providing students with an opportunity to pursue their own research interests under the supervision of a teacher. Students will be in regular consultation meetings with their teacher (12 contact hours), but are expected to spend much of their time on individual research and writing. Assessment normally takes the form of research essay/report of a minimum of 5,000 words (100% research essay/report).