

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT****Bachelor of Social Sciences - Social Policy and Social Development (major/minor)**

The Department of Social Work and Social Administration (SWSA) offers a range of courses which can be taken in conjunction with other units in the Faculty to make up the social sciences degree. We use 150 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) as the norm for a 6-credit course, but the contact hours and output requirements for different groups of courses vary according to the learning modes employed. Each 6-credit course consists of 30-39 contact hours. The courses should be of interest to students who wish to meet the challenges of social innovation and to strive for the betterment of human condition.

1. Introductory courses (6 credits)

This first-year courses introduce students to different foundation concepts and theoretical frameworks that inform social development practice and policy planning in order to provide them a broad understanding before progressing to advanced level of social development 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. Assessment is by various methods including 1 written term paper in about 2,000 words, 1 group project with powerpoint presentation in 1,000 words, and a 2-hour final examination in about 2,000 words, and/or 1 mid-term quiz (100% coursework).

2. Core disciplinary courses (6 credits)

Different kinds of standard 6-credit courses are offered either as core disciplinary courses in the social sciences disciplinary or multidisciplinary majors or minors. 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. Assessment is by various methods including 1 written term paper in about 2,000 words, 1 group project with powerpoint presentation in 1,000 words, 1 term paper in about 2,000 words, and/or 1 mid-term quiz (100% coursework).

3. Elective disciplinary courses (6 credits)

Different kinds of standard 6-credit courses are offered either as electives in the social sciences disciplinary or multidisciplinary majors or minors. 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. Assessment is by various methods including 1 written term paper in about 2,000 words, 1 group project with powerpoint presentation in 1,000 words, 1 term paper in about 2,000 words, and/or 1 mid-term quiz (100% coursework).

4. Capstone experience (6 credits)

This course provides capstone experience and aims at providing students with an opportunity to carry out a group research project under the supervision of a teaching staff member. This project is supported by regular meetings with the supervisor and a series of workshops. Students spend most of their time on experiential learning, data collection and analysis. Students are required to submit a written project of not more than 3,000 words and are also required to attend an oral presentation arranged by the Department (100% coursework).