

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

The Bachelor of Social Sciences – Sociology 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 courses* (6 credits)

These first-year courses introduce students to the discipline of Sociology. 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. (0-60% exam, 40-100% coursework).

2. *Compulsory disciplinary courses* (6 credits)

The Bachelor of Social Sciences – Sociology programme requires two 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 (40 – 60% coursework, 40 – 60% exam).

3. *Elective disciplinary courses* (6 credits)

The Bachelor of Social Sciences – Sociology programme requires different kinds of standard 6-credit courses 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, plus 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 takes the form of research essay/report of a minimum of 5,000 words (100% research essay/report).