

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Credit Unit Statement (CUS) of Taught Programmes

Faculty / Offering Unit: Faculty of Social Sciences

Programme title: Computational Social Science (Minor)

Applicable student cohort(s): Admitted in the academic year 2025-26 and thereafter

The Minor in Computational Social Science programme consists of three different categories of courses which are taught using distinctive learning modes. All courses are 6-credit courses. Each 6-credit course involves 120-150 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours of around 36 hours and all other forms of student learning activity). The contact hours and output requirements for different types of courses vary according to the learning modes employed. The total number of student learning hours is 720-900 hours, and the total number of contact hours is no less than 216 hours.

1. Introductory courses (6 credits)

The introductory courses provide students with an overview of the fundamental concepts and features of computational social science, including the ethical use and safety. Teaching normally takes from the form of one 2-hour lecture and 1-hour tutorial or seminar each week throughout a regular 13-week semester. Assessments are conducted by way of essays, projects and presentations (100% coursework).

2. Core disciplinary courses (6 credits)

The Minor in Computational Social Science programme requires two 6-credit courses as core courses. Teaching normally takes from the form of one 2-hour lecture and 1-hour tutorial or seminar each week throughout a regular 13-week semester. Assessments are conducted by way of essays, projects and presentations (100% coursework).

3. Elective disciplinary courses (6 credits)

The Minor in Computational Social Science programme requires different kinds of standard 6-credit courses as electives. Students should take two elective courses from a designated course list. Teaching normally takes from the form of one 2-hour lecture and 1-hour tutorial or seminar each week throughout a regular 13-week semester. Assessments are conducted by way of essays, projects, presentations and/or a final examination (0-50% exam, 50-100% coursework).