

Information for BSc Students Admitted Directly to Year 3

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Science Majors

You have been admitted to one of the following Science majors as your **primary Science major**

- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Decision Analytics
- Earth System Science
- Ecology & Biodiversity
- Environmental Science
- Food & Nutritional Science
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
- Physics
- Risk Management
- Statistics





Major-Minor Option

(For students admitted directly to Year 3 from
Associate Degree / Higher Diploma)

One Science Major

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Optional

Selection of
Minor(s)

* **Quota** & **timetabling restrictions** may apply. Some non-Science minors may require a minimum academic result before you are allowed to enroll in them.

Science or
non-Science disciplines*

Advanced Standing for Students Admitted Directly to Year 3

- There are about 75 students admitted directly to Year 3 in 2025-26
- Students who are directly admitted to Year 3 have been granted **120 advanced standing** credits, including
 - recognized courses they took in their AD/HD study;
 - CAES1001 Academic Communication in English;
 - CSCI9001 Practical Chinese for science students ;
 - 24 credits (for Associate Degree graduates) or 18 credits (for Higher Diploma graduates) of courses in the Common Core Curriculum; and
 - free elective credits that make up to 120 credits.
- They are required to take and pass no less than **120 credits** of courses at HKU, including
 - CAES9820 Academic English for Science Students or CAES9821 Professional and Technical Communication for Statistical Sciences;
 - 12 credits (for Associate Degree graduates) or 18 credits (for Higher Diploma graduates) of courses in the Common Core Curriculum;
 - 6 credits in artificial intelligence literacy;
 - any other non-credit bearing courses as required; and
 - other outstanding courses required in the Science Major including SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science.



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Advanced Standing for Students Admitted Directly to Year 3 (cont.)

Extract of sample email to be issued to students:

Direct Admission to Third Year

Welcome to the Faculty of Science at HKU!

As a student admitted directly to the third year of the BSc (Major in Chemistry) curriculum in 2025-26, I write to confirm that you have been granted **120 advanced standing credits** as follows:



Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Fulfillment of Curriculum Requirement at HKU	Curriculum Component of Major/Minor
CHEM1042	General chemistry I	6	Chemistry (Major)	Disciplinary Core Course
CHEM1043	General chemistry II	6	Chemistry (Major)	Disciplinary Core Course
CHEM2241	Analytical chemistry I	6	Chemistry (Major)	Disciplinary Core Course
CHEM2341	Inorganic chemistry I	6	Chemistry (Major)	Disciplinary Core Course
CHEM2441	Organic chemistry I	6	Chemistry (Major)	Disciplinary Core Course
CAES1001	Academic Communication in English	0	English Language Enhancement – ACE	--
CSCI9001	Practical Chinese for science students	6	Chinese Language Enhancement	--
Courses in the Common Core Curriculum		24	Common Core	--
Free elective courses		60	Electives	--

These advanced standing credits are granted to you in recognition of the courses you successfully completed in your previous 2-year study of Associate of Science (Chemistry Theme) at HKU SPACE Community College. To complete the BSc curriculum, you are now only required to **take and pass no less than 120 credits** of courses in your third and fourth years of study, in the manner specified in the syllabuses for students admitted to the first year in 2023-24, as follows:

- To take and pass the following compulsory courses (as specified by Regulation UG5 for senior year admissions in 2025-26) during your third year of study:
 - CAES9820 Academic English for Science Students OR
CAES9821 Professional and Technical Communication for Statistical Sciences
 - 12 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, selecting **no more than 6 credits from any TWO of the four Areas of Inquiry: CCCH, CCGL, CCHU, CCST**
 - 6 credits in artificial intelligence literacy, comprising a 3-credit course (AILT1001) taken in the third year, and an additional 3-credit AILT-coded course taken in the fourth year
 - any other non-credit bearing courses as required ("Introduction to the Constitution, the Basic Law and the National Security Law")

and

- To take and pass other outstanding courses required in the Major in Chemistry including SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science to fulfill the BSc degree regulations. Owing to the possible time clash with any disciplinary core course(s) in the next academic year, please note that SCNC1111 & SCNC1112 should be taken in your third year of study.

Common Core Curriculum

- **For Associate Degree and Higher Diploma graduates:** because of advanced standing credits granted, they have to pass 12 credits (for Associate Degree graduates) or 18 credits (for Higher Diploma graduates) of courses in the Common Core Curriculum and should select *no more than 6 credits* from the same Area of Inquiry.
- Common Core courses cannot be extra taken as free electives.





Timetable of Events for Course Selection

August 5 – 11, 2025

Course selection period

September 1, 2025

1st semester starts

September 1 – 15, 2025

Course add/drop period (1st semester)

January 19, 2026

2nd semester starts

January 19 – February 2, 2026

Course add/drop period (2nd semester)



Course Add/Drop Periods (September 2025 and January 2026)

On-line course selection system available for course selection (add/drop)

(Sep 1 / Jan 19 at 2 pm for Year 3 students)

Students prepare Course Approval Form in OASS for courses required special approval and seek endorsement from Course Selection Adviser(s) (or Representative(s)) of the course offering department(s)/school(s)

(Sep 1 – Sep 15 by 4pm / Jan 19 – Feb 2 by 4pm)

Students select courses on-line

Students who have applied for courses required course based approval to check approval status

Students finalize course selection on-line

Submit the completed Course Approval Form, if applicable, with supporting document(s) via OASS by the application deadline

Check course selection status on-line

(Sep 20 / Feb 7 at 10 am)

Course add/drop period

