

Course Selection Briefing for Direct Admissions Students

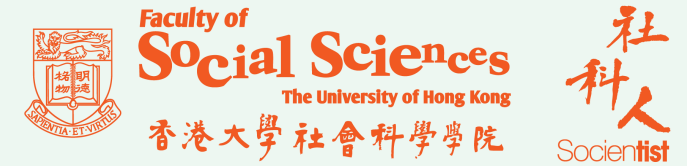


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Course Selection Briefing



Date: August 4, 2025 (Monday)

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- Registration Information
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Registration Information

1. Notes for New Students
2. Major Events Calendar in 2025-2026



*First Year Experience –
Important Notes*

Important Dates

Date (2025) Events

Aug 5 (12:00nn) –
Aug 11 (4:00pm)

- Course selection
- Declaration of major

Aug 6 (2:30pm) –
Aug 11 (4:00pm)

- Check course selection status online via HKU Portal

Aug 13 (10:00am)

- Faculty Induction Talk

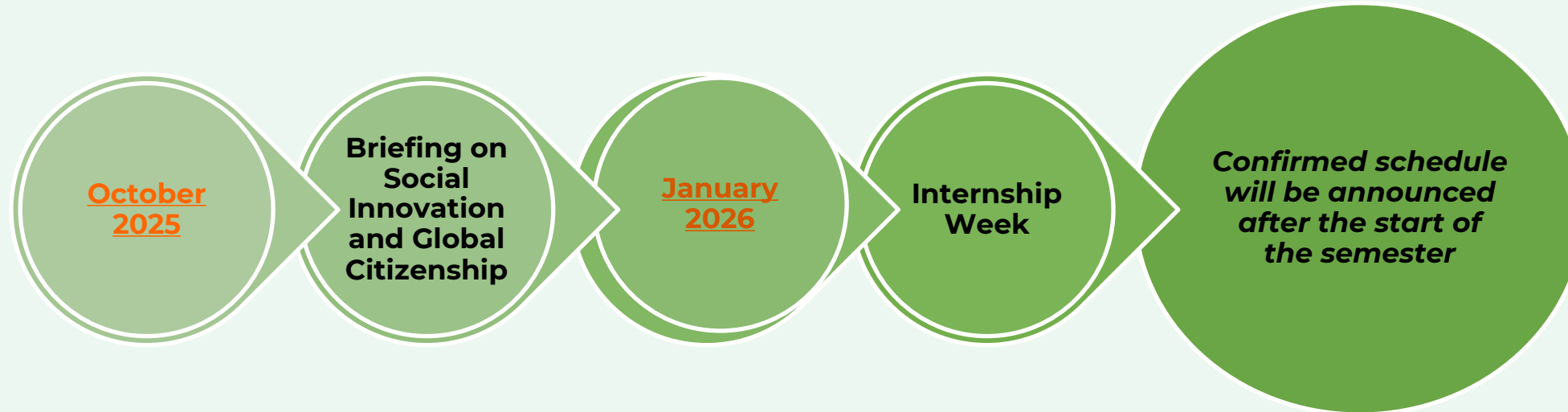
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- First day of teaching

Sep 1 (2:00pm) –
Sep 15 (4:00pm)

- Add-drop period (2 weeks)

First-year Experience Activities



Graduation Requirements

DAS students are required to complete at least 126 credits for graduation.

A. University requirements: 24 credits

- A non-credit bearing course Academic Communication in English (CAES1001)*
- A 6-credit English in the Discipline course
- Two 6-credit courses in Common Core Curriculum in two different Areas of Inquiry (AoI)
- Two 3-credit courses in Artificial Intelligence Literacy
- A non-credit bearing online course UG5E1001

*Exemption for CAES1001 will be granted if students' English qualifications meet the requirements as stated in the [Note](#).

Graduation Requirements

B. Disciplinary major: 66 credits	- 54 credits of advanced disciplinary courses
	- 12 credits of Social Innovation or Global Citizenship
C. Advanced free electives: 36 credits	- Possible to declare an additional minor



Scenarios for Major & Minor Options

Students are allowed to choose one of the following disciplines as their first major.



China Studies. historical and social change and development in China



Social Policy and Social Development. global and local social policies and development strategies, NGOs, social enterprises, social issues, social justice



Geography. environment, climate, urban planning, mapping, conservation, people



Sociology. society, economy, politics, identity, crime, media, culture, creativity, social groups, community, justice, globalisation



Politics and Public Administration. politics, policy, international relations, political philosophy, governance, citizenship

Scenarios for Major & Minor Options

Disciplinary major	University requirements (UG5)	Disciplinary major			Free electives	Total Credits
		Disciplinary introductory	Social Innovation (SI) / Global Citizenship (GC)	Disciplinary advanced	Advanced free electives / Minor programme	
China Studies	24	0	12	54	Free Elective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36 advanced credits (Any introductory courses should be taken on top of 126 credits) OR Minor in any disciplines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36 credits (subject to the requirements of individual programme) 	126
Geography	24	0	12	54		126
Politics and Public Administration	24	0	12	54		126
Social Policy and Social Development	24	0	12	54		126
Sociology	24	0	12	54		126

Scenarios for Major & Minor Options

- Opt for a minor under the Faculty of Social Sciences (FoSS)
 - Students to make up the 6-credit introductory course by taking a 6-credit advanced disciplinary elective of your declared minor in lieu (i.e. a total of 36 credits of advanced courses)
- Opt for a minor under non-FoSS
 - Students to enrol courses based on the individual programme requirements
 - As a result, the credits of the introductory course(s) requested by your minor programme should be counted on top of 126 credits (i.e. students may need to take more than 126 credits to fulfil both of your disciplinary major and minor programme requirements, but not more than 144 credits)

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Can I declare a second major or a minor?

A: Yes, you can declare a minor offered by any Faculty, but not for a second major.

Q: Are there any maximum enrolled credits for graduation?

A: The maximum number of credits for DAS students is 144.

Q: Am I allowed to study introductory courses?

A: Yes, you can. However, the credits of introductory courses taken would be counted on top of your 126 credits for graduation.

Important Reminders

1. Website: www.socsc.hku.hk
2. [Regulations and syllabuses \(2023-2024\)](#)
3. E-mail: use HKU email account
***No message will be sent to your personal e-mail account*
4. Tutorials: pay special attention to your e-mails for class selection
5. Complete Master Registration online to access to HKU Portal for course registration
6. Enquires: 3917-1212 / socscug@hku.hk

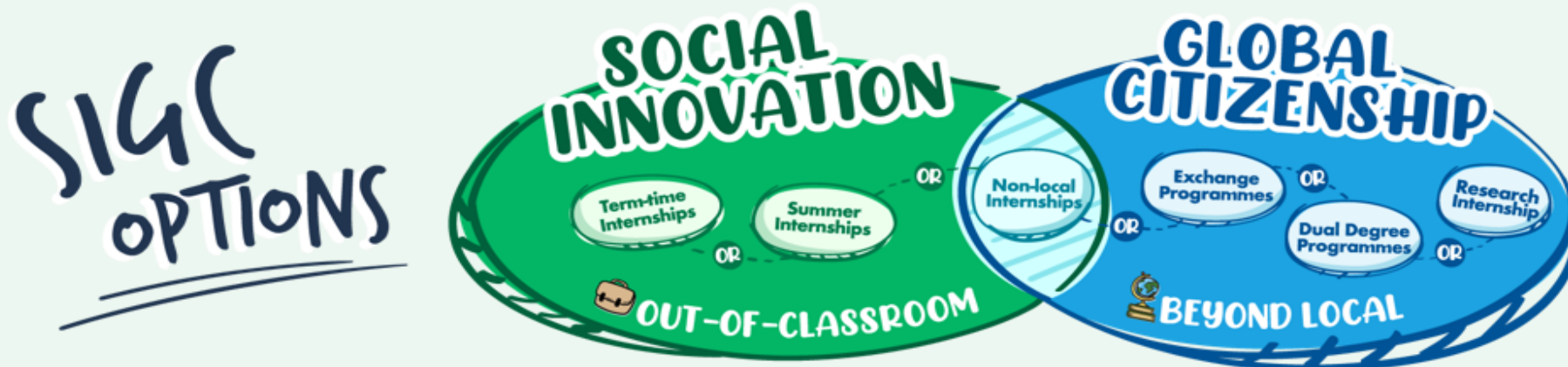
**Pay attention to the e-mails
from Faculty and Departments
for announcements**



Briefing on Social Innovation / Global Citizenship

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