What is
Experiential Learning?

Experiential Learning is particularly essential to achieve the missions and objectives of teaching and learning of the Faculty of Social Sciences to produce students with a global perspective who are critical thinkers, socially aware, ready to embrace diversity and seek to make an impact on society.

Active experimentation: Intern uses their new knowledge/insights as a basis to test their skills/abilities.

Concrete experience: Intern is exposed to practical experiences.

Abstract conceptualisation: Intern gains knowledge and develops insights from their reflections.

Reflective observation: Intern critically reflects on their observations of their experiences.

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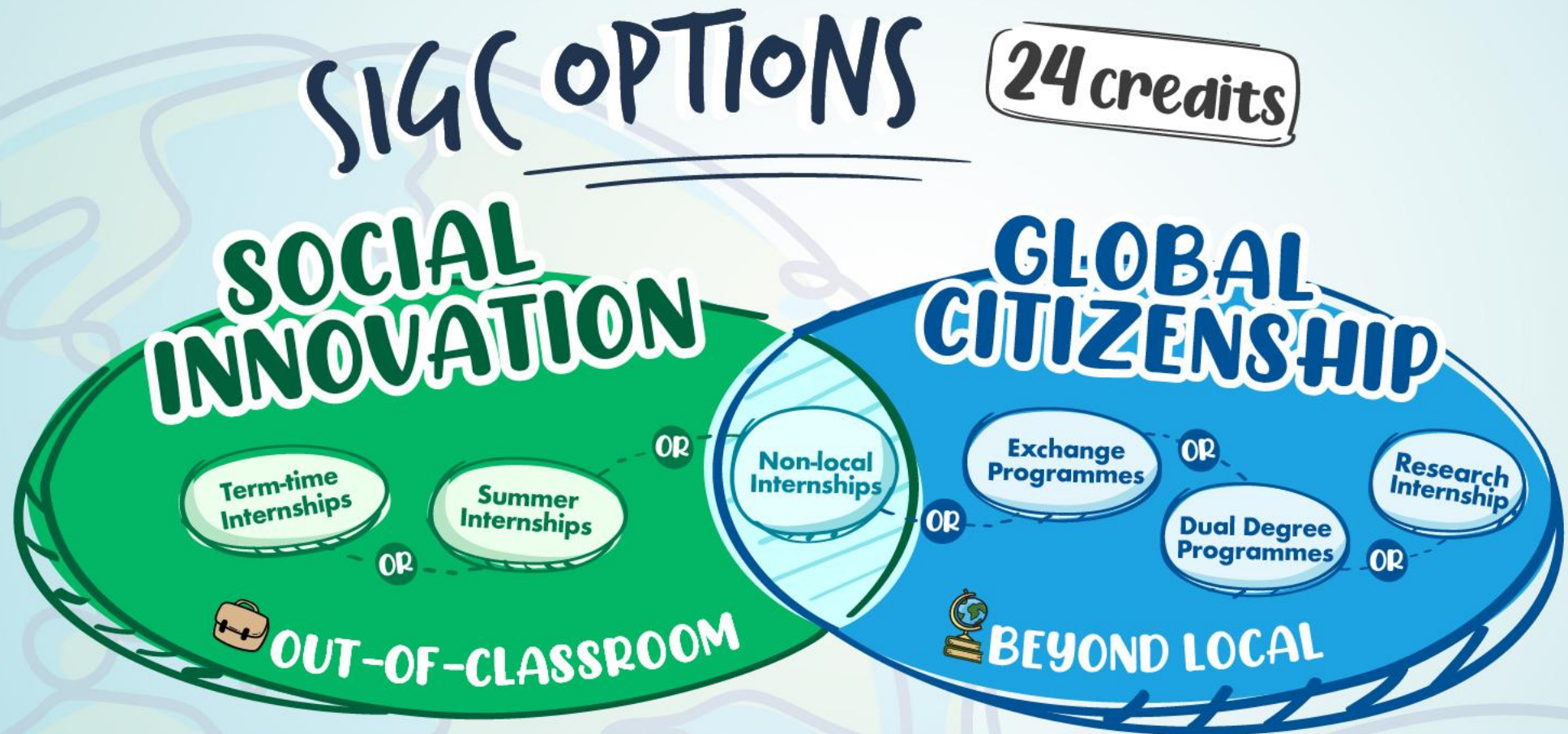香港大學社會科學學院

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The Faculty has adopted two overarching themes of the non-paid, off-campus experiential learning for its undergraduate curricula: **Social Innovation (SI)** and **Global Citizenship (GC)** since 2008.

In addition to **local and non-local placement-based internships**, the Faculty has coordinated various kinds of experiential learning programmes for Social Sciences students, including **interdisciplinary-based projects, research internships and exchange programmes.**
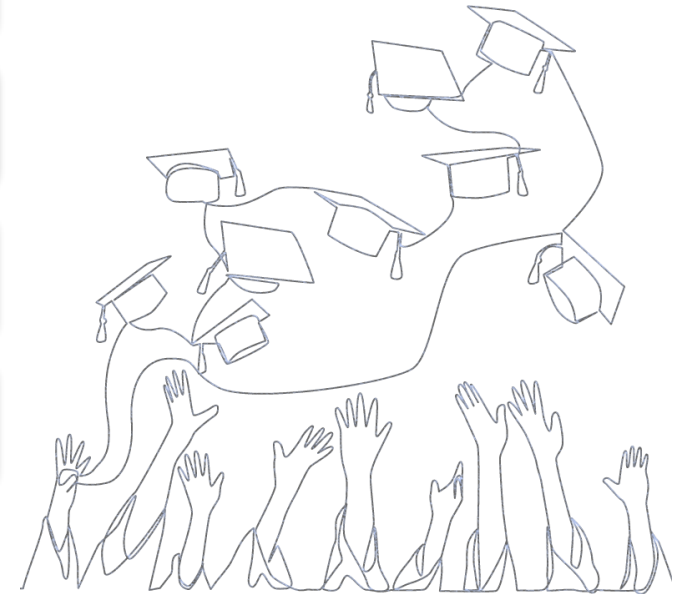
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SIGC Graduation Requirement

Curriculum Graduation Requirement *^

BJ	Global Citizenship (12 credits) **#**
BSocSc	Social Innovation **and** Global Citizenship (24 credits)
BSocSc(Govt&Laws)	Social Innovation **or** Global Citizenship (12 credits)
BSocSc(Govt&Laws)&LLB	Social Innovation **or** Global Citizenship (12 credits)
BPsych	Social Innovation **and** Global Citizenship (24 credits)

* Students are strongly recommended to complete the graduation requirement on or before the second semester of their final year of studies.

^ BSW students can enroll courses under Social Innovation and Global Citizenship as free elective.

BJ students can enroll the course under Social Innovation as free elective

Social Innovation

- Credit-bearing, non-paid internship, learning in community
- Required for students in BSocSc and BPsych curriculums
- Optional for students in BSocSc(Govt&Laws) and BSocSc(Govt&Laws)&LLB curriculums (either SI or GC)
- Designed to stretch, not primarily vocational
- A variety of Community Partners: local and international NGOs, think-tanks, political parties and social enterprises, etc.

Local Internships (term-time / summer)

Local Internships organised or approved by Faculty (term-time spreading across two semesters / 8 weeks in summer)

Non-local Internships (summer)

Overseas internships organised or approved by Faculty (8 weeks in summer)

Project-based Internships

Project-based Internships organised or approved by Faculty, e.g. GLoCal Projects, Global Bay Areas Impact Lab (8 weeks in summer)

Psychology Field Placement

Field Placement in different fields of Psychology organised or approved by Faculty (term-time spreading across two semesters / 8 weeks in summer)

Global Citizenship

global Citizenship 12 credits

- Credit bearing, out of Hong Kong academic experience
- Required for students in BJ, BSocSc, BPsych curriculums
- Optional for students in BSocSc(Govt&Laws) and BSocSc(Govt&Laws)&LLB curriculums (either SI or GC)
- Many programmes to choose from

Exchange Programmes (1 semester to 1 year)

Overseas exchange programmes under University-level, Faculty-level or Departmental-level

Project-based/ Non-local Placement-based Internships

Project-based / Overseas placement-based internships organised or approved by Faculty, e.g. GLoCal, GC@Home, Global Bay Areas Impact Lab

Research Internships

Globalink Research Internship (GRI) in Canada (12 weeks) or Laidlaw Scholars Programme (8-10 weeks) hosted by UK institutions

Dual Degree Programme (BSocSc + MA)

3 years at HKU and 2 years at Geneva

Student-initiated Internships

- Apart from the opportunities arranged by the Faculty, students may propose internship opportunity that fits their interests and strengths
- Students should receive formal approval from the Faculty before the start of student-initiated internship
- No retrospective internship will be considered

Application for Summer 2026 will open in September

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