

Regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Social Sciences in Law Enforcement and Security Management and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management

The programmes of Bachelor of Social Sciences in Law Enforcement and Security Management and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management have been phased out with effect from 2023 Spring term. The last conferment of the programmes will be December 2027.

These regulations are made under paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees.

In these regulations, definitions shall apply as in the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees and in the Interpretation section of the Academic Rules and Regulations.

Bachelor of Social Sciences in Law Enforcement and Security Management (BSSCLESM1)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences in Law Enforcement and Security Management** (Pathway 1), a student shall
 - a) comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status, and;
 - b) comply with the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees; and
 - c) obtain at least 120 credits of which no more than 40 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
 - d) obtain at least 100 credits in courses prescribed by the regulations as appropriate to the degree, including at least 20 credits in courses at Higher level.
2. For the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences in Law Enforcement and Security Management** (Pathway 1), the University has prescribed that a student must
 - a) successfully complete 40 credits of compulsory courses labelled BC in Table 1 (i.e. LESM A201, LESM A202, LESM A203 and LESM A204); and
 - b) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled BF in Table 1; and

- c) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled BM in Table 1; and
- d) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled BH in Table 1, of which 10 credits should be from LESM A301 or LESM A305; and
- e) successfully complete an additional 20 credits from any courses in Table 1 or any Foundation, Middle or Higher level courses offered by the University, provided that, of the total 120 credits*, no more than 40 credits are at Foundation level.

* Of the 120 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 40 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English.

Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management (BSSCHLESM)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management**, a student shall
 - a) comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status, and;
 - b) comply with the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees; and
 - c) satisfy the requirements of one of the following pathways towards the degree:

Pathway 1 (BSSCHLESM1)

1.1 To fulfill the requirements of this pathway, students must:

- a) obtain at least 160 credits, of which no more than 40 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
- b) obtain at least 50 credits in courses at Higher level; and
- c) successfully complete the prescribed programme of studies.

1.2 The University has prescribed that a student must

- a) successfully complete 50 credits of compulsory courses labelled HC in Table 1 (i.e. LESM A201, LESM A202, LESM A203, LESM A204, and LESM A304); and
- b) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled BHF in Table 1; and

- c) successfully complete 30 credits from courses labelled BHM in Table 1; and
 - d) successfully complete 40 credits from courses labelled BHH in Table 1, of which 10 credits should be from LESM A301 or LESM A305; and
 - e) successfully complete an additional 20 credits from any courses in Table 1 or any Foundation, Middle or Higher level courses offered by the University, provided that, of the total 160 credits*, no more than 40 credits are at Foundation level.
- * Of the 160 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 50 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English.

Pathway 2 (BSSCHLESM2) - for Junior Police Officers of the Hong Kong Police Force, Customs Officers and above and Assistant Trade Controls Officers and above of the Customs and Excise Department, and Assistant Officers II and above of the Correctional Services Department

To fulfill the requirements in this pathway, students must comply with the following:

1.1 Entry Requirement

To register as a student for the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management** Programme (Pathway 2), a student shall be a Junior Police Officer, Customs Officer or above, Assistant Trade Controls Officer or above, or Assistant Officer II or above, who has successfully completed the Diploma in Law Enforcement and Security Management (60 credits at Foundation, Middle or Higher level courses*) plus two subsequent years of working experience in the Hong Kong Police Force, the Customs and Excise Department, or the Correctional Services Department as the case may be.#

- * If credits are gained from courses at Pre-foundation level for the Diploma, the same number of credits from courses at Foundation level or above has to be completed for pursuing this Pathway.
- # Students wishing to pursue this programme must directly articulate from the Diploma in LESM to this programme, and are not allowed to use the Diploma in LESM to articulate to the Higher Diploma in LESM or the B. Soc. Sc. in LESM before articulating to this programme.

1.2 To fulfill the requirements of this pathway, students must:

- a) obtain at least 80 credits, of which at least 40 credits in courses at Higher level; and
- b) successfully complete the prescribed programme of studies.

1.3 The University has prescribed that a student must

- a) successfully complete 20 credits of compulsory courses labelled PC in Table 1 (i.e. LESM A201* and LESM A304); and
- b) successfully complete at least 10 credits** from courses MGT B240, MGT B290 and LESM A203***; and
- c) successfully complete 10 credits from courses labelled BHM**** in Table 1; and
- d) successfully complete 40 credits from courses labelled BHH in Table 1, of which 10 credits should be from LESM A301 or LESM A305.

* If LESM A201 is already taken in fulfilment of the Diploma in Law Enforcement and Security Management, students are required to choose 10 credits from courses labelled BHM other than those taken in fulfilment for the said Diploma programme, 1.3 b) or 1.3 c) above.

** Excluding those taken in fulfilment of the Diploma in Law Enforcement and Security Management and 1.3 c)

*** If LESM A203 is already taken in fulfillment of the Diploma in Law Enforcement and Security Management, students can take MGT B240 and 5 credits from courses labelled BHM other than those taken in the fulfillment for the said Diploma programme.

**** Other than those taken in fulfilment of the Diploma in Law Enforcement and Security Management and 1.3 b).

NB1: Diploma holders awarded or pursuing this 80-credit B.Soc.Sc. (Hons) degree programme are not eligible to use their Diploma in LESM to apply for conversion to higher awards of other programmes by means of articulation.

Pathway 3 (BSSCHLESM3) - for Police Inspectors and above, Inspectors and above of the Customs and Excise Department, and Officers and above of the Correctional Services Department

To fulfill the requirements in this pathway, students must comply with the following:

1.1 Entry requirements

- a) For Police Inspectors and above

To register as a student for the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management Programme (Pathway 3)**, a student shall be a Police Inspector or above who has passed the Standard I and II Examinations administered by the Hong Kong Police Force plus two subsequent years of working experience at inspectorate grade*.

* Applicants who do not fulfill these criteria should contact the School of Arts and Social Sciences.

- b) For Inspectors and above of the Customs and Excise Department

To register as a student for the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management** Programme (Pathway 3), a student shall be an Inspector or above who has EITHER passed the Promotion Qualifying Examination for Inspectors administered by the Customs and Excise Department, OR who has three years of working experience in the Customs and Excise Department at the inspectorate grade or above after confirmation as Inspector.

- c) For Officers and above of the Correctional Services Department

To register as a student for the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management** Programme (Pathway 3), a student shall be an Officer or above who has passed the Promotion Qualifying Examination to Principal Officer AND completed the Junior Command Course, both administered by the Correctional Services Department, PLUS two years of working experience as Officer or above in the Correctional Services Department after the completion of the Junior Command Course.

1.2 To fulfill the requirements in this pathway, students must comply with the following:

- a) obtain at least 100 credits, of which at least 40 credits in courses at Higher level; and
b) successfully complete the prescribed programme of studies.

1.3 The University has prescribed that a student must

- a) successfully complete 20 credits of compulsory courses labelled PC in Table 1 (i.e. LESM A201 and LESM A304); and
b) successfully complete 20 credits from LESM A202 (or LESM A202CF)*, LESM A203 (or LESM A203CF)* and LESM A204 in Table 1; and
c) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled BHM in Table 1 (other than those taken in 1.3(b)); and
d) successfully complete 40 credits from courses labelled BHH in Table 1, of which 10 credits should be from LESM A301 or LESM A305.

* for police officers only

2. Each degree with Honours shall be conferred with a classification of First Class, Second Class (Upper Division), Second Class (Lower Division) or Third Class save that exceptionally a degree may be conferred without classification.

3. Subject to the requirements of the relevant programme of study, each person on whom an Honours degree is to be conferred shall be assigned to a classification determined by the University according to its regulations.
4. For the calculation of scores for classification purposes in the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Law Enforcement and Security Management**, the University has deemed that "Group (a)" shall consist of the best 40 credits in courses at Higher level listed in Table 1, and that "Group (b)" shall consist of the best 40 credits in courses at Higher or Middle level listed in Table 1, where such credits are not taken into account in "Group (a)". Further, that "X" shall equal one, that is "Group (a)" and "Group (b)" shall be equally weighted. (Refer to the paragraphs on Classification of the Degree with Honours of the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees.)

Table 1: Courses currently on offer (Phased out courses that can be counted towards the degree are listed in note 4)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCLESM (Pathway 1)	BSSCHLESM (Pathway 1)	BSSCHLESM (Pathway 2/3)	Honours Classification Group
<i>Foundation level</i>						
BIS B123 ^{1,4}	Business Computing Applications	5	BF	BHF	--	--
CHIN A171C	Practice in Contemporary Language	5	BF	BHF	--	--
ENGL A101 ^{1,4}	University English Writing Skills	5	BF	BHF	--	--
ENGL A122 ¹	Presentation Skills	5	BF	BHF	--	--
MGT B160 ¹	Business Management Fundamentals	5	BF	BHF	--	--
PTH E150C ¹	Foundation Putonghua	5	BF	BHF	--	--
SOSC A112 ¹	Understanding Economics and Politics	10	BF	BHF	--	--
SOSC A121 ¹	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	BF	BHF	--	--
SOSC A122 ¹	Understanding Sociology	5	BF	BHF	--	--
SOSC A112C ¹	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics and Politics	10	BF	BHF	--	--
SOSC A121C ^{1,4}	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	BF	BHF	--	--
SOSC A122C ^{1,4}	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	BF	BHF	--	--

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCLESM (Pathway 1)	BSSCHLESM (Pathway 1)	BSSCHLESM (Pathway 2/3)	Honours Classification Group
<i>Middle level</i>						
BUS B273 ¹	Quantitative Analysis for Business	10	BM	BHM	--	b
ECON A231 ^{1,4}	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
ECON A232 ^{1,4}	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
ECON A231C ^{1,4}	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
ECON A232C ^{1,4}	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
POLS A201 ¹	Introduction to Political Science	10	BM	BHM	BHM	b
POLS A201C ¹	Introduction to Political Science	10	BM	BHM	BHM	b
POLS A211 ¹	Government and Politics of Hong Kong	10	BM	BHM	BHM	b
POLS A211C ¹	Government and Politics of Hong Kong	10	BM	BHM	BHM	b
PUAD A202 ^{1,4}	Introduction to Public Administration	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
PUAD A203 ^{1,4}	Introduction to Public Policy	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
MGT B240 ¹	Principles and Practices of Management	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
SOCI A202 ¹	Hong Kong Society	10	BM	BHM	BHM	b
SOCI A202C ¹	Hong Kong Society	10	BM	BHM	BHM	b
LESM A202 ¹	Police and Society	10	BC	HC	BHM	b
LESM A203 ¹	Psychology for Law Enforcement	10	BC	HC	BHM	b
LESM A204	Security Practice and Management	10	BC	HC	BHM	b
LESM A201	Hong Kong Criminal Justice System	10	BC	HC	PC	b
LESM A202CF ¹	Sociology in Policing	10	--	--	BHM	b

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCLESM (Pathway 1)	BSSCHLESM (Pathway 1)	BSSCHLESM (Pathway 2/3)	Honours Classification Group
LESM A203CF ¹	Psychological Issues in Policing	10	--	--	BHM	b
<i>Higher level</i>						
LESM A301	Core Issues in Policing	10	BH	BHH	BHH	a or b
LESM A302	Public Order Management	5	BH	BHH	BHH	a or b
LESM A303	Law Enforcement and Policing in Chinese Societies	5	BH	BHH	BHH	a or b
LESM A305	Major Issues in Criminology and Penology	10	BH	BHH	BHH	a or b
MGT B440 ^{1,4}	Strategic Management of Human Resources	10	BH	BHH	BHH	a or b
PUAD A301	Public Sector Management in Hong Kong	10	BH	BHH	BHH	a or b
LESM A304 ¹	Research Methods in Law Enforcement and Security Studies	10	BH	HC	PC	a or b

Notes:

1. This course forms an excluded combination with other course(s). Only one of the courses in the [excluded combination](#) can be counted towards an HKMU award. Students should refer to the list of [excluded combinations](#) for details.
2. Students who have enrolled on BUS B172 on or before April 2007 and passed the course will have the credits counted towards this programme and other relevant programmes of the Law Enforcement & Security Management Programmes. With effect from April 2008, this course is no longer offered.
3. Students who have enrolled on BUS B171 on or before 2020 Spring term and passed the course will have the credits counted towards this programme and other relevant programmes of the Law Enforcement & Security Management Programmes. With effect from 2020 Summer term, this course is no longer offered.
4. The following phased out courses are no longer available. Students who have successfully completed any of these courses can have the credits awarded for the phased out course(s) counted towards the BSSCLESM/BSSCHLESM programmes, and are deemed to have completed corresponding replacement course(s), if any, subject to the requirements of relevant regulations.

Table 2 – Phased out courses

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label in Programme			Honours Classification Group
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSCLESM1	BSSCHLESM1	BSSCHLESM2/3	
BIS B220/ BIS B121	Business Computing with Internet Applications	5	BIS B123	Business Computing Applications	5	BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
BUS B170	Quantitative Methods for Business	10	BUS B171	Business Statistics	5	BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
			BUS B172	Quantitative Methods for Decision Making	5	BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
BUS B171	Business Statistics	5	No replacement			BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
BUS B172	Quantitative Methods for Decision Making	5	No replacement			BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
ENGL A100	English for University Study	5	ENGL A101	University English Writing Skills	5	BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
LAW L166C	General Principles of Hong Kong Law	10	No replacement			BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
MGT L162	Managing Quality	5	No replacement			BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
SOSC A111C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology and Sociology	10	SOSC A121C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
			SOSC A122C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	BF	BHF	N/A	N/A
ECON A230	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
			ECON A232	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
ECON A230C	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231C	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
			ECON A232C	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label in Programme			Honours Classification Group
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSCLESM1	BSSCHLESM1	BSSCHLESM2/3	
MGT B290	Organizational Behaviour	5	MGT B346	Theories and Practices of Organizational Behaviour	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
MGT B441	Human Resource Management: A Strategic Approach	5	MGT B440	Strategic Management of Human Resources	10	BH	BHH	BHH	a or b
MGT B442	Strategic Human Resource Management Issues	5							
PUAD A201	Introduction to Public Policy and Administration	10	PUAD A202	Introduction to Public Administration	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
			PUAD A203	Introduction to Public Policy	5	BM	BHM	BHM	b
SOCI A310	Crime, Justice and Society	20	SOCI A301	Crime and Justice	20	N/A	BHH	BHH	a or b
SOCI A315	Crime, Order and Social Control	20	SOCI A301	Crime and Justice	20	N/A	BHH	BHH	a or b
SOCI A301	Crime and Justice	20	No replacement			N/A	BHH	BHH	a or b
SOSC A101	Social Sciences: A Foundation Course	20	SOSC A112	Understanding Economics and Politics	10	BF	BHF	-	-
			SOSC A121	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	BF	BHF		
			SOSC A122	Understanding Sociology	5	BF	BHF		

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