Minor in Public Policy

Public policy encompasses a wide range of areas including education, health, food, housing, law, transportation, the environment, the economy, culture and recreation and social security. Public policy can also be understood as how governments do a service (or disservice) to their peoples. The public policy minor equips students with the analytical tools to understand public policy, and thus to engage in intelligent public policy debates. The Minor in Public Policy programme enhances students' understanding of Hong Kong's social, economic, and political issues, and prepares them to be responsible citizens.

The Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences coordinates the offering of the Minor in Public Policy.

Students who are not enrolled in the Social and Public Policy Studies Stream/Major of BSocSc Programme may qualify for a Minor in Public Policy after successful completion of 15 credits (five courses) as detailed below:

Required Course *(Choose 1)*
ECO3003	Public Economics, Finance and Policymaking (from 2020-21)
ECO3205	Economics of Taxation and Transfers (titled as Public Finance in 2012-13) (not offered from 2021-22)
ECO3208	Principles of Public Policy
SSC3204	Public Expenditure and Cost Benefit Analysis (not offered from 2021-22)

Elective Courses *(Choose any 4, at least 1 from each category)*
Category A
ECO3313	Urban Economics (coded and titled as SSC3313 Housing, Transportation, and Regional Development in 2017-18 or before)
ECO4316	Industrial Economics and Competition Policy
SSC3312	Health Policy

ECO3203^	Labour Economics (coded as ECO3103 in 2016-17 or before), <u>or</u>
SSC3315^	Labour Market and Education Policy

ECO3314#	Environmental Economics (not offered from 2021-22), <u>or</u>
ECO4324#	Environmental Economics and Policy (from 2021-22), <u>or</u>
SSC4101#	Environmental Issues and Policy (not offered from 2021-22)

ECO4002#	Economics of Law and Policy (from 2020-21), <u>or</u>
ECO4101#	Economics of Law (not offered from 2021-22), <u>or</u>
SSC3317#	Economics of Law and Public Policy (titled as Law, Behaviour, and Public Policy in 2012-13 and 2013-14) (not offered from 2021-22)

Category B
GOV3208	Public Policy: Values and Processes (coded as POL3208 in 2021-22 or before)
SOC3327	Social Welfare and Social Problems in Hong Kong (coded as SSC3327 in 2019-20 or before)
SOC4321	Social Justice
SSC4301	Policy-making, Collective Action and Public Choice

^Students can take one of the two courses only.
Students can take one of the three courses only.