Information for BSc Students Admitted Directly to Year 3

Faculty of Science
The University of Hong Kong
You have been admitted to one of the following Science majors as your primary Science major:

- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Ecology & Biodiversity
- Environmental Science
- Food & Nutritional Science
- 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 + Selection of Minor(s)

Optional

* Quota & timetabling restrictions may apply. Some non-Science minors may require a minimum academic result before you are allowed to enroll in them.
Advanced Standing for Students Admitted Directly to Year 3

- There are about 85 students admitted directly to Year 3 in 2020-21.

- 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;
  - CAES1000 Core University 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 Mathematical Sciences;
  - 12 credits (for Associate Degree graduates) or 18 credits (for Higher Diploma graduates) of courses in the Common Core Curriculum; and
  - other outstanding courses required in the Science Major including SCNC1111 Scientific method and reasoning and SCNC1112 Fundamentals of modern science.
**Advanced Standing for Students Admitted Directly to Year 3 (cont.)**

Extract of sample email to be issued to students:

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**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 2020-21, I write to confirm that you have been granted 120 advanced standing credits as follows:

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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) at the 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 syllabus for students admitted to the first year in 2018-19, as follows:

(a) To take and pass the following compulsory courses as specified by the regulation UOS in your third year of study:

- CAES5820 Academic English for science students
- CAES5821 Professional and technical communication for mathematical sciences

12 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, selecting no more than one course from each Area of Inquiry and

(b) 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 *not more than one course* 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, 2020
Course selection period

September 1, 2020
1st semester starts

September 1 – 15, 2020
Course add/drop period (1st semester)

January 18, 2021
2nd semester starts

January 18 – February 1, 2021
Course add/drop period (2nd semester)
Course Add/Drop Periods
(September 2020 and January 2021)

- On-line course selection system available for course selection (add/drop)
- Students prepare Course Approval Form for courses required special approval (if any) and seek endorsement by Course Selection Adviser(s) of the course offering department(s)/school(s)
- Students select courses on-line
- Students who have applied for BSc courses required course based approval to check approval status
- Students finalize course selection on-line
- Submit the signed Course Approval Form (if applicable) by the end of add/drop period for students who have any course changes
- Check course selection status on-line

(Sep 1 / Jan 18 2 pm for Year 3 students)
(Sep 1 – 15 / Jan 18 – Feb 1)
(Sep 22 / Feb 6, 10 am)