

To: Year 2 or above BSc (ActuarSc) Students

Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, The University of Hong Kong

Notes on Course Selection

for Year 2 or above BSc(ActuarSc) Students (2026-27)

[for students admitted in 2025]

1. A number of existing syllabuses have been modified. Please check the latest syllabuses of your admission year on the SAAS's website: https://saasweb.hku.hk/current/as/bsc_actuarsc#curriculum

(You can view the list of all SDST and ASAI courses, and click the course code to view the course syllabus)

In particular, please note that changes will be made to the following courses in the 2026-2027 academic year. Please refer to the updated arrangements below and revise your study plan if necessary*:

Course Title	2026-2027
SDST3954 Current topics in actuarial science	Sem 1*
SDST3957 Essential principles in actuarial modelling	Sem 2*

**Tentative, subject to changes*

- a. **(To All Students)** Suggested 4-year Curricular Structure and Structure of Courses can be viewed on the Department's website: https://saasweb.hku.hk/current/as/bsc_actuarsc#currentst
- b. **(To Year 2 Students)** The Department has reserved seats in the core course **COMP1117 Computer programming** subclass A (A: Tue 13:00-14:50 in sem 1) for you. Please enroll in this subclass **at the earliest opportunity, but no later than 6 August 2026; 5pm**, as the seats may be given to other students in the waiting list after the suspension period, given the very high demand for this course. We will NOT be able to retrieve the seats once they are given to other students, whilst seats in other subclasses are NOT reserved/guaranteed.

Students should enroll in the concerned COMP courses at the earliest opportunity, but no later than 6 August 2026; 5pm.

- c. **(To Year 2 Students)** You should take **CAES9821 Professional and Technical Communication for Mathematical Sciences** (admitted in 2018 or thereafter) in your year 2, unless otherwise stated/exempted. **Students should enroll in CAES9821 at the earliest opportunity, but no later than 6 August 2026; 5pm. The reserved seats will be released for other students after the deadline.** Students should consider to enroll into the following sub-classes, including sub-class A, B, C, D, E, G in semester 1, sub-classes I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S in semester 2.
- d. **(To Year 3 Students)** You should take **Chinese language enhancement course specified for the degree curriculum** in your year 3, unless otherwise stated/exempted.
- e. Student Handbook: https://saasweb.hku.hk/current/as/bsc_actuarsc#currentst

2. **You should select your core courses/disciplinary electives before the suspension period** (where class balloting will take place and most seats will be given out), especially if the course has a quota.

3. **Check the concerned SDST courses' enrolment status from time to time**, and have a second plan for immediate action (before the system closes) in case of an unsuccessful balloting result, e.g. disapproved enrolment. Although there will be a final class balloting act after the course selection system closes, you will not be able to adjust your course selection until add/drop period.

4. **In case of overloading or uneven course load**, or should you have the even slightest chance of exceeding the maximum course limit or normal semester course load, you should apply for overloading or uneven course load before deadline. *(Applications are not accepted during the add/drop period in September, whilst you will not be able to submit applications until the second semester.)*

5. **Accreditation with the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA)** is to be amended. Updates will be announced soon but in the meantime the existing agreement can be viewed at: <https://saasweb.hku.hk/current/as/ac-exemptions.php>

6. Approved HKU courses for claiming **Validation by Educational Experience (VEE)** credits of the Society of Actuaries (SOA) can be reviewed here: <https://saasweb.hku.hk/current/as/vee.php>

7. The University-Earned Credit (UEC) program of the Society of Actuaries (SOA) can be reviewed here: <https://saasweb.hku.hk/current/as/uec.php>

8. UG5E1001 Requirement

With effect from the academic year 2022-23, undergraduate students who will graduate in 2022-23 and thereafter will be required to complete and pass the non-credit bearing course “UG5E1001 Introduction to the Constitution, the Basic Law and the National Security Law” (prepared by the Faculty of Law). Students do not need to enroll this course during course selection period or add/drop period. You can locate the link of this course in HKU Portal -> “My eLearning” tab. Details:

Course-related enquiries, please email: UG5E1001@hku.hk

Academic Advising & Scholarship Office: <https://aas.hku.hk/ug-cur/>

9. Further Information:

- a. Scholarships: <https://saasweb.hku.hk/programme#scholarship-opportunities>
- b. Internship Programme: <https://saasweb.hku.hk/teaching/internship-details.php>
- c. SAAS Professional Development: <https://saasweb.hku.hk/current/saas-pd>
- d. List of Majors / Minors: <https://aas.hku.hk/major-and-minor-selection/>
- e. Academic Advising & Scholarship Office of the Registry: <https://aas.hku.hk/>
- f. University Bus Service, Estates Office homepage: <https://www.estates.hku.hk/shuttle>
- g. Announcement from Vice-President (T&L): <https://tl.hku.hk/email-announcement-from-vice-president-teaching-and-learning/>
- h. Class Schedules, SIS: https://inraweb.hku.hk/reserved_1/sis_student/sis/SIS-class-timetable.html
(for reference only and subject to changes)
- i. Examination Schedules, Examinations Office: <http://www.exam.hku.hk/>
- j. Class and Examination Arrangements during Bad Weather: http://www.exam.hku.hk/a2_badweather.php
- k. HKU Virtual Private Network (HKUVPN): <https://its.hku.hk/services/network-connectivity/hkuvpn/>
- l. ITS Events: <https://its.hku.hk/events/>

Course Selection Exercise and Procedures for Applying Special Approval for BSc(ActuarSc) Students 2026-27
[for students admitted in 2025]

On-line course selection system available: 4 August – 10 August (4:00pm), 2026

Suspension period: 5 August 2026 (9:00am – 2:29pm)

Final Course Selection Status Available: 18 August 2026 (10:00am)

All the e-forms below are available on the SAAS's website (click [here](#)). Students should double check the details on the SAAS's website and submit your applications via the SAAS Online Application System (SOAS). Please also note that **the course schedule and venue may be subject to changes**. You are strongly advised to double check the course schedule and venue on SIS before going to the lectures.

A. Uneven semester course load (outside the range of 24-36 credits) and/or over 72 credits of courses yearly*:

- Fill in the SOAS for **Application for Taking Course Load Deviating From Normal Load** with all the required supporting documents attached;
- Submit the application online via SOAS for Prof. Tim BOONEN, Course Approver's consideration by **10 August 2026 (4:00pm)**.

**Students normally are NOT allowed to take more than (72 credits x 4 years) 288 credits in total.*

B. Failure to meet the pre-requisite requirements of SDST courses¹

- Fill in the **Course Approval Form** via SOAS with the following documents attached in one PDF:
 - (i) course selection report (list of courses you have selected for the current academic year)
 - (ii) individual timetable
- Submit the request via SOAS for SDST courses to SAAS by **10 August 2026 (4:00pm)**.

C. Failure to meet the pre-requisite requirements of Non-SDST courses

- Fill in the **Course Approval Form** via SOAS with the following documents attached in one PDF:
 - (i) course selection report (list of courses you have selected for the current academic year)
 - (ii) individual timetable
 - (iii) prior approval from the course teacher
- Submit the request and upload the teacher's approval via SOAS for Non-SDST courses to SAAS by **10 August 2026 (4:00pm)**.

D. Timetable clashes

- Fill in the **Course Approval Form** via SOAS with the following documents attached in one PDF:
 - (i) course selection report (list of courses you have selected for the current academic year)
 - (ii) individual timetable
 - (iii) approvals from both course teachers
- Submit the request and both approvals via SOAS for SDST or Non-SDST courses to SAAS by **10 August 2026 (4:00pm)**.

E. For enquiries on course selection procedures: Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (ugenq@hku.hk)

F. For advice on course matters, please consult the following teachers:

- Dr. David Lee (Programme Director) in Room 102, Run Run Shaw Building (leedav@hku.hk)
- Dr. KP Wat (SAAS Associate Head in T&L) in Room 235, Run Run Shaw Building (watkp@hku.hk)

Note 1 Pre-requisite Requirements of SDST Courses:

It has come to our attention that **some students have taken courses which are impermissible to their required courses listed in the syllabus**, e.g. SDST3904 vs FINA1310. This disallows them from enrolling into the required courses, especially the actuarial core ones yet to be completed for fulfilling the programme requirement.

It is understood that there are many different courses which allow students to earn VEE credits for SOA whilst students may wish to take other electives which are not listed in the syllabus. However, we would like to stress that **the ultimate responsibility of ensuring all the graduation requirements fulfilled rests with students**, including carefully looking into the pre-requisites of the courses, including both SDST and non-SDST courses, and ensuring that there are not any possible conflicts with the required courses.

Please note that any enrolments to courses which are mutually exclusive to their required courses will be seen as a deliberate act. In this regard, there are **NO** any special arrangements for pre-requisite waiver or course replacement, should they fail to enroll into the concerned required courses because of having taken a mutually exclusive course. **This implies that the student will put himself/herself at grave risk from not being able to graduate.** Students are also advised to read the Student Handbook on the SAAS's website (click [here](#)) carefully.

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Best regards, Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, The University of Hong Kong