

SOSC 1210
First-Year Seminar for Quantitative Social Analysis
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Thursday, 1:30pm-2:20pm

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Office hours: By appointment

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Overview

Through discussions led by the instructor, and presentations from invited guests, this seminar course will introduce the goals and organization of the Quantitative Social Analysis program, help students develop their study plans, and survey careers in which students may apply the skills they learnt in quantitative social analysis. The class will also introduce applications of quantitative social analysis in non-academic settings such as government, industry, and non-profits.

By the end of the semester, students develop a study plan which maps out their remaining time at HKUST, and reflects their career interests.

Grading

20% Attendance

20% Participation in discussion

10% Short responses to prompts

Occasionally during the semester, I will ask students to post very short responses to prompts. These responses will be no more than a few sentences. For example, in advance of a class session on a specific topic, I might ask each student to post one question that they would like to see discussed.

25% Statement of interests and goals

By 7th week, students will submit a brief (250 words) statement of their interests and goals for work or further study after graduation from HKUST. The statement should discuss how they hope their time at HKUST will contribute to their realization of those goals.

25% Study plan

By the last week of class, students will submit a study plan that will be a roadmap for their remaining time at HKUST. The study plan should be realistic in that it should show how all requirements can be completed. It should be accompanied by a brief (250 words) statement of how the selection of courses in the study plan will contribute to achievement of the goals described in the earlier statement.

Schedule (tentative)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
6/9/2018	Introductions
13/9/2018	Library orientation – QSA related resources
20/9/2018	QSA Requirements and Electives
27/9/2018	Center for Language Education
4/10/2018	Student Affairs Office Counseling Services
11/10/2018	NO CLASS
18/10/2018	<i>Due: Statement of interests and goals</i>
25/10/2018	Career Services Office
1/11/2018	
8/11/2018	NO CLASS
15/11/2018	NO CLASS – Congregation
22/11/2018	Exchange Programs
	<i>Due: Study plans</i>
29/11/2018	Final Q&A

Need to schedule: CLE, Career Services Office, SAO, International and Mainland Exchange