

**SOSC 1210**  
**First-Year Seminar for Quantitative Social Analysis**  
**Fall 2020**

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Thursdays, 3:00pm-3:50pm  
Online – Canvas for Zoom links

Appointments:  
<https://doodle.com/mm/cameroncampbell/studentappointments>

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**Overview**

Through discussions led by the instructor, this seminar course will introduce the goals, expectations, and requirements of the Quantitative Social Analysis program. By the end of the semester, students develop a study plan which maps out their remaining time at HKUST and reflects their interests.

Invited guests will also make presentations on the services offered by different campus units.

**Grading**

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| 10% | Attendance                       |   |
|     |                                  | Students are allowed one ‘free’ absence.  |
| 20% | Participation in discussion      |   |
|     |                                  | Students are expected to ask questions of our guests and also contribute to discussion.   |
| 15% | 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 7 <sup>th</sup> 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.                       |
| 30% | 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>
10/9/2020	QSA Requirements and Electives
17/9/2020	Welcome from the SHSS Dean Introduction to my own research
24/9/2020	Majors and minors
1/10/2020	NO CLASS
8/10/2020	Library Orientation – register at <a href="https://lbcube.ust.hk/ce/index.php/event/7362/">https://lbcube.ust.hk/ce/index.php/event/7362/</a>
15/10/2020	Career Services Office
22/10/2020	Counseling and Wellness (Chris Leung)
29/10/2020	UG Team – Exchange and Internships
5/11/2020	Student sharing
12/11/2020	Student sharing
19/11/2020	Center for Language Education – Melinda Whong
26/11/2020	Student sharing
3/12/2020	Wrap-up discussion