How to select a course in SIS

1. Login to HKU Portal. You will be directed to the SIS Main Menu. Go to Enrollment > Enrollment Add Classes. Select the appropriate term and click CONTINUE.

2. To view your program guide, click the search button under “My Requirements”.

3. You can view the detail requirement of your programme/major/minor(s) by choosing “Show Requirement Details” at the top of your program guide.

4. Your program guide will list out all the courses you can take in the selected semester.

5. To add a class, click the blue link in the “Description” column of the course. You can then view the course detail and the number of class sections available.

6. You will then go to the information page of this class. Click NEXT to continue.

Note: If you have selected a specific class indicating “F2F lecture in alternate weeks: Yes” under the “Enrollment Information”, special split-class arrangement will be adopted for the sub-class concerned. You will be assigned to Group A or B according to the last digit of your UID and attend face-to-face lectures in alternate weeks. For details, please refer to the “SIS Quick Guide (Student) on Split-Class Arrangement for UG Lectures” (available on the HKU Portal > “SIS Reference Materials” link).

7. A message will be displayed to confirm that you have added the class to your “Temporary Course List”. At this point, you can choose to add other classes by repeating steps 2 to 7 of this leaflet or click PROCEED TO STEP 2 OF 3 button to confirm the enrollment.

Note: Please follow the enrollment schedule to perform course selection; otherwise, alert message...
may be received. Please refer to the “Important notes” section for more details.

8. Proceeding to STEP 2, a confirmation page will be shown. To confirm your selection, choose FINISH ENROLLING (This step can only be done within the course selection and add/drop period except suspension period).

9. You will enter STEP 3 and see the “View results” page. Here you can check the results of your enrollment in the “Status” column. The “Message” column provides additional information.

10. The latest result of all your enrollments can be viewed in the Self Service > Enrollment > Enrollment Status page.

11. After your submission for course enrollment (completion of steps 2 to 9), you will receive an acknowledgement email from SIS within several hours.

12. For courses require approval by teachers or departments, another email will be sent to you later when the course status is changed from “Pending” to “Approved” or “Not Approved” to confirm the final status of your enrollment. All emails will only be sent once.

13. Apart from finding courses in the program guide, you can also use the “Class Search” function to search a particular course directly by entering the subject area and the catalog number. Remark: only the courses offered in your cohort and curriculum can be retrieved.

Important notes

1) For full-time Undergraduate students, on the first day of the course selection period in August, there are two different start times for submitting enrollment requests for (a) Semester 1 and full-year courses; and (b) Semester 2 courses respectively. The start time for Semester 2 courses is 10 MINUTES LATER than the start time for Semester 1 and full-year courses so as to alleviate system loading.

2) Normally your enrollment request will be confirmed within 2-3 minutes. However, the system will occasionally fail to respond within 2-3 minutes due to system loading problems. Under such circumstances you should close your browser and log-in to SIS again to check your results so as to proceed to the next step.

3) During the add/drop period in September, the start time will be the same for both Semester 1 and full-year courses, and Semester 2 courses. During the add/drop period in January, the start time will also be the same for both Semester 2 and Summer Semester courses.

4) Following alert message will be displayed during suspension period or outside course selection period and add/drop period.

5) Students may view their program guide and add courses to the Temporary Course List outside the course selection period and add/drop period. However, courses in Temporary Course List will NOT be counted as enrollment.
6) To add/drop a course, you must proceed and complete all 3 STEPS in SIS (steps 2 to 9 in this leaflet) until the “View results” page is shown. Courses left in the “Temporary Course List” will NOT be considered.

7) A course code comprises two parts: Subject Area and Catalog Number. The Subject Area refers to the first 4 characters of a course code; Catalog Number refers to the last 4 numerical digits of a course code. e.g. PHYS3034FY, the Subject Area is PHYS and the Catalog Number is 3034FY.

8) Course code with leading zero are not displayed in SIS. For example, SIS will display the course BUSI0027 as “BUSI 27” in the system.

9) If you want to add back a class you dropped, please re-add the class by using the “Search” function under Enrollment Add Classes.

10) The Temporary Course List contains timetable information. Before submitting the enrollment requests, students can review such information to avoid timetable conflict. Upon students’ submission of the enrollment requests, SIS will check the timetable conflict of classes automatically. Although students can add the classes with timetable conflict into their Temporary Course List, the system will show an error message on the Add Classes page after they click the FINISH ENROLLING button. Enrollment for classes with timetable conflict will be rejected by the system.

11) In SIS, a full-year course, e.g. PHYS3034 will appear as 2 separate courses in semester 1 and semester 2, namely “PHYS3034FY” (first part) and “PHYS3034” (second part) respectively. If you have enrolled to a full-year course in Semester 1 (i.e. PHYS3034FY), you will notice that you are also enrolled by the system to the second part of the course in your timetable (i.e. PHYS3034).

12) If you cannot enroll or drop a course due to "Department Consent", this course is normally not open for students to enroll or not allow students to drop. Please check with the course offering department if this is the case and seek their advice. Similarly, students who have completed the first part of a full-year course are not allowed to drop the second part of the course in SIS. Drop consent must be sought from the course offering department/faculty.

13) SIS will perform checking on the upper loading limit (overload) of students per semester. Although students can add classes into their “Temporary Course List” even the total unit selected exceeds the upper limit, SIS will stop you from enrolling the courses with an error message when you check out in the “View results” page.

14) To apply for overloading or underloading, students should contact their home faculty offices.

15) Final year students cannot enroll summer course. Students should contact their home faculty offices for more information.

16) Please always refer to the latest version of reference materials on our website. Latest version of this leaflet is available at the Reference Materials section of the SIS website:

(you can also access the site via HKU Portal >Self Services > SIS Website > Reference Materials)

Common Core Course Approval Method

The course approval method of Common Core courses is first-come-first-served during the course selection period in August (course approval method during the add/drop period will be changed to auto-bullet).

For details, please refer to the “Student’s Guide to Common Core Course Selection in SIS” (available on the HKU Portal > “SIS Reference Materials” link).

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