Welcome to the Information Day

(Faculty of Education)

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HKDSE applicants
Bachelor of Education & Bachelor of Science (BEd&BSc)

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Overview

**BEd&BSc degree curriculum**
- is jointly offered by the Faculty of Education and Faculty of Science
- is a 5-year teacher education programme with NO exit point
- integrates and allows concurrent studies of Major and Professional Core courses and participation in exchange and experiential programmes during 5 years
- awards two degrees on graduation
- aims at providing professional training equivalent to a Postgraduate Diploma in Education but longer in duration
Overview

**BEd&BSc degree curriculum**
- qualifies you to be a teacher of Science subjects in Hong Kong secondary / primary schools
- allows also the development / career options available to Science graduates
- has 50 first-year places
- will consider admitting candidates with different educational backgrounds
Curriculum Structure
Curriculum Structure of BEd&BSc

- 120 credits in Professional Core courses
  - integrated courses
  - pedagogy courses
  - pedagogical content knowledge courses
  - educational studies core courses
  - educational studies elective courses
Curriculum Structure of BEd&BSc

- 19-week of professional practicum in 3 blocks
  - Year 3: three separate weeks in a school
  - Year 4: eight weeks in a school
  - Year 5: eight weeks in a school
Curriculum Structure of BEd&BSc

- 96 credits in one of the following 12 Major programmes (to be declared by the end of 2nd year the latest):
  - Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth System Science, Ecology and Biodiversity, Environmental Science, Food and Nutritional Science, Geology, Mathematics/Physics, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology or Physics
Curriculum Structure of BEd&BSc

- 24 credits Common Core courses
- 18 credits in Chinese and English language courses
- remaining credits for free electives in:
  - experiential learning programmes;
  - minor programmes;
  - other Major programmes;
  - education and inter-faculty elective courses etc
Admissions Requirements
Minimum Admissions Requirements for JUPAS Candidates

To satisfy the minimum requirements for entrance to the University, each applicant shall gain the following in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE):

- Level 3 or above in English language;
- Level 3 or above in Chinese language;
- Level 2 or above in Mathematics;
- Level 2 or above in Liberal Studies; and
- Level 3 or above in two Elective Subjects*.

(1) Other Language subjects will be used as unspecified elective subjects. The minimum requirement is Grade E.

* At least one of the elective subjects should be Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science or Integrated Science.
Selection Criteria for HKDSE Students Admitted in 2016-17

- BEd&BSc requires Best 5 subject scores
- Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science or Integrated Science are weighed slightly heavier in computing the overall score of applicants
- Interview may be arranged as tie-breaker for applicants in the borderline with exactly the same total score in their HKDSE examinations
- Other tie-breakers may be employed
Minimum Admissions Requirements for Non-JUPAS Candidates

Candidates with different educational backgrounds are required to satisfy each of the followings for the basic University Entrance Requirements:

- General Academic Requirements under
  - either International Qualifications e.g. International Baccalaureate Diploma, GCE A-level, GCE AS-level etc
  - or National / Regional Qualifications e.g. Singapore’s GCE A-Level examination, South Korea’s General High School Diploma etc;
- English language requirement; and
- Second language requirement

See details in HKU website
Frequently Asked Questions
Frequently Asked Questions (1)

Do I have to put your programme as my Band A i.e. top 3 choices in JUPAS or 1st choice in non-JUPAS to enhance my chance of being admitted?

Yes, only applicants who have put the programme as their Band A i.e. top 3 choices in JUPAS or 1st choice in non-JUPAS will be favourably considered.
Frequently Asked Questions (2)

What were the admissions scores of HKDSE applicants admitted in 2016?

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Applicants should at least meet the University’s minimum entrance requirements. As the admissions exercise is conducted on a competitive basis, meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee that you will be admitted.
Frequently Asked Questions (3)

If I am applying on the basis of my HKDSE results, how will my application be evaluated?

Selection will be primarily based on applicants’ results in the best 5 subjects. For applicants taking 3 elective subjects, only the best 2 electives will be counted in computing their scores. Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science or Integrated Science are weighed slightly heavier.

The following will be used as tie-breakers for applicants in the borderline with exactly the same total score in their HKDSE examinations:

- interview scores
- other tie-breakers to be determined
Will BEd&BSc prefer independent Science subjects i.e. Biology, Chemistry and Physics, than Combined Science (reported in three scores: overall, one for each of the two parts) and Integrated Science subjects?

No, we do not prefer independent Science subjects than Combined Science and Integrated Science subjects.

All these subjects will be given equal weighting in computing the overall scores of applicants.
Frequently Asked Questions (5)

Is there any quota for JUPAS and non-JUPAS applicants? How many students were admitted through the non-JUPAS exercise?

There are no fixed quotas for JUPAS and non-JUPAS applicants for the BEd&BSc curriculum. Each applicants are assessed on academic merits.
Frequenty Asked Questions (6)

Will I be granted interviews?

We may invite candidates to attend interviews before the release of HKDSE results. However, not all candidates need to attend an interview. Being invited to an interview is not an indicator of the chance of admission. We will notify candidates the arrangement for interview by e-mail or phone, if necessary.
Can I apply JUPAS, non-JUPAS and Direct Admissions Scheme at the same time?

Applicants can only submit one application through any one of the three schemes in the same admission year.

Duplicate applications under a particular admissions scheme or across different admissions schemes will NOT be considered by the University and application fees paid are non-refundable.
Frequently Asked Questions (8)

Can I apply for direct entry to Year 2 or 3?

You cannot apply for direct entry to the senior year of the BEd&BSc curriculum because it is a professional degree curriculum and students are required to complete the entire programme.
When is the deadline for non-JUPAS applicants to send supporting documents?

We will start reviewing applications when received. Applicants should send supporting documents to the University within 2 weeks after the submission of application or as soon as possible when updated results / transcripts are received during the year. Deadline for submission of supporting documents for admission in September 2017 will be around mid August 2017.
Can I choose to take any one of the 15 majors from the Faculty of Science as my subject major?

No, BEd&BSc students can only take one of the 12 approved majors (slide 9) as their subject major. Mathematics, risk management and statistics major programmes are not on the list. Taking an additional major programme (72 – 96 credits) might be possible but is going to be very demanding.
Contacts and Useful Links
Contacts

Admissions and Programme matters
Faculty of Education
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Science Curriculum matters
Faculty of Science
Email : science@hku.hk
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Useful Links

Faculty of Education
http://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/bedbsc_6119/

Faculty of Science
http://www.scifac.hku.hk/ug

Undergraduate Admissions
http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/applying-or-admission-info/hong-kong-students

Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS)
Any More Questions?
Thank you for coming!

Good Luck in your examinations and application!