

Arrangements of New Senior Secondary (NSS)

Form 3 Parent's Forum
27th February 2009

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General Expectations of NSS Students

Junior Secondary Graduates

- Learn independently
- Apply IT in learning
- Reasoning, problem-solving, knowledge application, and creativity
- Bi-literate and tri-lingual
- All-round and life-wide education

10 Attributes of Junior Secondary Graduate

- Basic concepts in all key learning areas
- Concern for development in China and its relationship with other developments around the world
- Civic-minded
- Health-conscious, considerate and respectful to others
- Interest and ability in aesthetic appreciation

Problems of Secondary Students in General

- Weak at English, Chinese and/or Mathematics
- Living in today and short of future goals
- Think through feelings and not with reasons
- Individualistic
- Narrow knowledge base
- Unhealthy life style and habits

7 Learning Goals of NSS

- Biliterate and trilingual with adequate proficiency
- Broad knowledge base, and be able to understand contemporary issues that may impact on their life at personal, community, national identity
- Be informed and and responsible citizens with a sense of global and national identity

7 Learning Goals

- Respect pluralism of cultures and views, and be a critical, reflective and independent thinker
- Acquire information technology and other skills as necessary for being a lifelong learner
- Understand their own career/academic aspirations and develop positive attitudes towards work and learning
- Lead a healthy life style with active participation in aesthetic and physical activities

How to Get There?

- NSS teachers
- Parents
- Change of student's attitudes
- TSSS NSS curriculum

Overall NSS Curriculum Framework

New "334" Academic Structure

2015/16	4-year university degree programme
2014/15	
2013/14	
2012/13	

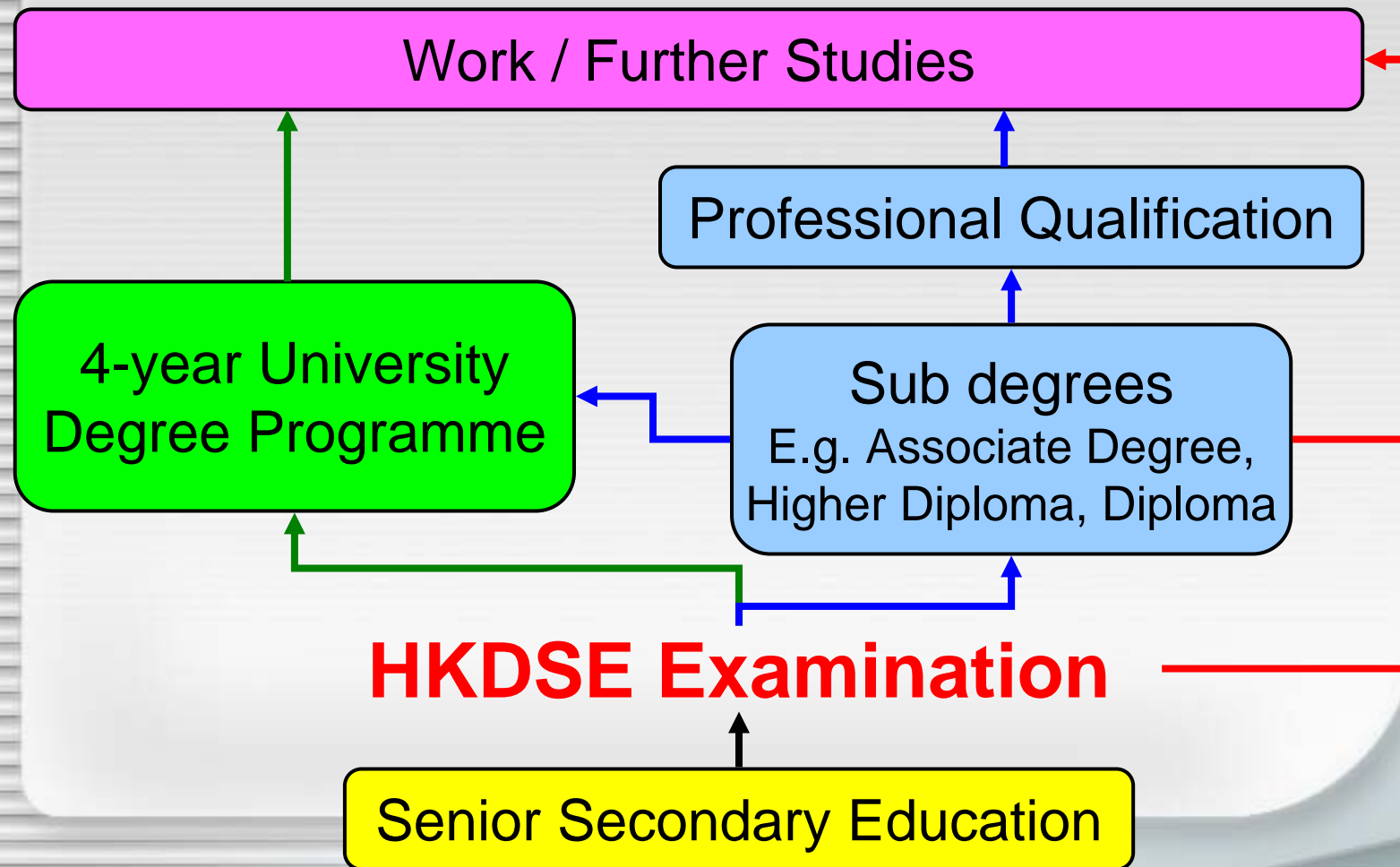
HKDSE at 2012

2011/12	Form 6
2010/11	Form 5
2009/10	Form 4
2008/09	Form 3
2007/08	Form 2
2006/07	Form 1

**New
senior
secondary**

**Junior
secondary**

Career Path & Further Studies



Overall NSS Curriculum Framework

4 Core Subjects:

Chinese Language
English Language
Mathematics
Liberal Studies



Elective Subjects:

2 or 3 elective subjects chosen from 20 **NSS elective subjects**, **Applied Learning Courses** and **other language courses**



Other Learning Experiences

Moral and Civic Education,
Community Service,
Aesthetic Development,
Physical Development and
Career-related Experiences

Elective Subject Choices

2012

HKDSE Examination

2011/12

3X

2X

+

Applied Learning

2X

2010/11

2009/10

3X

University Entrance Requirements (updated on 18th February 2008)

University	Entrance Requirements
CityU	4 Cores + 1X
HKBU	4 Cores + 1X
LU	4 Cores
CUHK	4 Cores + 1 or 2X
HKIEd	4 Cores + 2X
PolyU	4 Cores + 1X
HKUST	4 Cores + 2X
HKU	4 Cores + 2X

University Entrance Requirements

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- University School/Faculty/Programme requires Mathematics Extended Module:

CUHK:

- *Business Administration, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics and Risk Management Science*

PolyU:

- *Applied Science, Construction & Land use, Engineering and Health Studies*

HKUST:

- *Science and Engineering*

HKU:

- *Science, Engineering, Bioinformatics, Business Administration and Actuarial Science*

Elective Subject Choices

Elective Subjects:

- Chinese Literature (×1)
- Biology (×2)
- Chemistry (×2)
- Physics (×2)
- Combined Science 1 (BIO + CHEM) (×1)
- Combined Science 2 (CHEM + PHY) (×1)
- Economics (×2)
- Geography (×2)
- Chinese History (×1)
- History (×1)
- Information & Communication Technology (×2)
- Business, Accountings & Finance Studies (×2)
- Applied Learning (Film & TV Production) (×1)

Admission & Allocation Requirements

Admission Requirements

- **Grade E** or above in the three core subjects:
 - *English Language, Chinese Language & Mathematics*
- **Grade E** or above in three other academic subjects:
 - *Computer Literacy, Integrated Science, Contemporary Studies or History Studies*
- **"Satisfactory"** or better in conduct

Admission & Allocation Requirements

Allocation Requirements (1)

- Information & Communication Technology
 - *Grade E or above in Computer Literacy*
- Business, Accountings & Finance Studies
 - *Grade E or above in Mathematics*
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics & Combined Science
 - *Grade E or above in Integrated Science*
- Economics & Geography
 - *Grade E or above in Contemporary Studies*
- Chinese History
 - *Grade E or above in History Studies*

Admission & Allocation Requirements

Allocation Requirements (2)

- History
 - *Grade D or above in History Studies & English Language*
- Chinese Literature
 - *Grade D or above in Chinese Language*
- * *Subject allocation based on overall performance and specific subject performance.*
- * *For taking 3 Science subjects i.e. Biology, Chemistry & Physics, student should obtain grade A in Integrated Science.*

Tentative Timeline for Admission & Allocation

13/03	NSS Preparation Workshop
19/03	Distribution of NSS Curriculum Guide
24-27/03	NSS Preparation Week
03/04	Submission of survey form
07/05	Introduction of structured subject choices
08/05	Parent's Forum
22/05	Submission of subject choice form
10/07	Release of admission & allocation results
10-14/08	Summer Fortification Programme
15/08	Meeting students and parents