

HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College

CCSA8004 – China's Development, Hong Kong and the National Security Law (NSL)

Frequently Asked Questions

Graduation Requirements

1. What are the graduation requirements for Associate Degree / Higher Diploma students admitted in 2021/22 and after?

To be awarded an Associate Degree / Higher Diploma, students should fulfill the following graduation requirements:

- (a) obtain at least 60 credits (66 credits for Higher Diploma in Legal Executives) of courses as prescribed in the Years 1 and 2 curricula of the programme for which they are registered;
- (b) achieve a Cumulative GPA of 1.7 or above;
- (c) obtain Grade C- or above in all core English courses; and
- (d) pass the course *CCSA8004 - China's Development, Hong Kong and the National Security Law (NSL)*.

Course Information

2. What is the course about?

The course introduces the background and context upon which the judicial system of China, Hong Kong Basic Law and National Security Law were founded, as well as the key provisions of the National Security Law. Topics include:

- (a) Module 1 – From Marx to Mao: Emergence of Socialist Ideology in China
- (b) Module 2 – Rise of Modern China: Challenges and Progress
- (c) Module 3 – Hong Kong: From the Nanking Treaty to the Basic Law
- (d) Module 4 – National Security Law: Provisions and Precedents

3. Where can students obtain the course materials?

Four recorded lecture videos and PowerPoint slides have been uploaded to the SOUL platform (<https://soul2.hkustpace.hku.hk>) (Course Code in SOUL: CCSA8004-HP). Students can study the online course materials at their own pace.

4. What is the Medium of Instruction for the course?

The course will be conducted in English.

Assessments and Examination Arrangements

5. What is the format of the NSL examination? Will the exam ask about students' view?

The examination is a 1-hour proctored in-person examination which will be held on campus. It is a closed-book multiple-choice examination and will only test the knowledge of the factual information. No opinion will be asked.

6. What is the grading scheme of the course?

The course grade is either "P" (Pass) or "U" (Unsatisfactory/Fail). The result of this non-credit bearing course is shown on transcript and not counted in Grade Point Average (GPA).

7. What is the passing mark of the course?

Students are required to achieve a final mark of at least 50%.

8. How can students register for the NSL examinations?

Students will be pre-assigned to take the NSL examination according to the following schedule. No prior registration is required.

Academic Level	NSL Course Enrolment
Year 2 (For students who have not obtained a pass in the NSL examination in their previous attempts / have not been assigned to take the NSL examination before)	Semester 1, 2024-25 In the event that students fail the examination in Semester 1, 2024-25, they will be assigned to sit in the next available offering of the examination (i.e. Semester 2, 2024-25). No prior registration is required.
Year 1 & Year 2 (For students who have not obtained a pass in the NSL examination in their previous attempts / have not been assigned to take the NSL examination before)	Semester 2, 2024-25 In the event that students fail the examination in Semester 2, 2024-25, they will be assigned to sit in the next available offering of the examination as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Semester 1, 2025-26 for Year 1 students● Early July 2025 for Year 2 students. Details will be given via the Learner Portal in late June 2025.

The date and time of the NSL examination will be announced upon the release of the semester's examination timetable, which is typically around three weeks before the examination period. Students may refer to the College's academic calendar (available in the HPSHCC Student 2024-25, the electronic version is obtainable on the Learner Portal) for the designated examination period for the semesters.

Requests for examination session changes will NOT be accommodated. Students are required to attend the examination as scheduled. A fail grade (U) will be given for the course and presented on their transcript if students fail to present themselves in their assigned examination session.

9. I am a Year 2 student and have failed the NSL examination in the previous attempts. Do I need to register to retake the NSL examination?

Students who fail the examination will be pre-assigned for the next available offering of the examination. In this case, you will be arranged to retake the examination during the first semester this year, and prior registration is not required.

10. I am now a Year 1 student. Do I need to register for the NSL examination?

Year 1 students will be pre-assigned for the NSL examination offered in Semester 2 this year. Prior registration is not required.

11. When will the timetable for NSL examination be released?

The date and time of the NSL examination will be announced upon the release of the semester's examination timetable, which is around three weeks before the examination period.

12. Can I change the NSL examination session?

Requests for session changes will NOT be accommodated, and students are required to attend the examination as scheduled. A fail grade (U) will be given for the course and presented on their transcript if students fail to present themselves for their assigned examination session.

13. If I cannot attend the examination due to illness on the examination day, what should I do?

You are required to apply for absence from examination. You have to complete the form "Application for Absence from Examinations" (HP43-ABE) (obtainable on the Learner Portal (Path: [Learner Portal > My Resource > Student Services Forms](#))) and submit it together with the original supporting documents and application fee (HK\$300 per course) to the College Office within 5 working days after the date of examination concerned (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays and School Holidays). Application without supporting document and/or late application will NOT be processed.

14. What happen if I failed to attend the NSL examination as scheduled/failed in the NSL examination?

Students who failed to attend the NSL examination as scheduled or failed in the NSL examination will be given a fail grade (U) for the course, and it will be shown on the transcript. They are required to sit for the next available offering of examination again.

15. When will the examination result be released?

The results will be announced according to the scheduled release of assessment results in the academic calendar. For students who have applied for a make-up examination due to medical reasons, please refer to the separate notice regarding the arrangements.

16. Will the course result be recorded on the transcript?

The results of all your attempts will be recorded in the transcript.

Other Matters

17. Do I have to take this course if I received a conditional offer from other universities?

For students who are not progressing to Year 2 in the College, they are not required to take this course before leaving the College. However, students may be required to fulfill the National Security Law course in the institutions to which they articulate.

18. Is this course equivalent to the Basic Law and National Security Law Test for all civil service jobs by the Civil Service Bureau?

Passing of this course is only considered as a graduation requirement of HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College.

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