EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES PROGRAMME

地球與環境科學課程
**Introduction**

*Earth and Environmental Sciences Programme (EESC)* is the new integrated programme resulting from a merger between Earth System Science (ESSC) and Environmental Science (ENSC). Global climate change, environmental pollution, natural hazards, and the current energy and food crisis are all critical issues of public concern. The new programme will equip students with the latest knowledge and technical skills to observe, understand, analyse, and model the systems and processes that drive natural and anthropogenic global environmental changes.

**Admission**

Students can have an early start in taking EESC courses!

**Major Declaration**

Science students can declare EESC as Major at any of the following three time points, provided that they meet the stated requirements.

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<td>Beginning of Year 1</td>
<td>Level 5 or above in Biology or Chemistry or Physics or Combined Science or Mathematics (Module 1) or Mathematics (Module 2)</td>
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<td>Grade C+ or above in CHEM1070 or CHEM1072 or LSCI1002 or LSCI1012 or MATH1010 or MATH1018 or MATH1520 or PHYS1001 or PHYS1002 or PHYS1111 or PHYS1113 or STAT1011 or STAT1012</td>
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<td>End of Year 2</td>
<td>1. Any ONE course from BIOL2210 / EESC2270 / EESC2515 / EESC2010 / EESC2020 / EESC2800, and 2. Any THREE courses from CHEM1070 / CHEM1072 / LSCI1002 / LSCI1012 / MATH1010 / MATH1018 / MATH1520 / PHYS1001 / PHYS1002 / PHYS1111 / PHYS1113 / STAT1011 / STAT1012</td>
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In this programme, particular emphasis is placed on multidisciplinary and combined theoretical-observational approaches to understanding the problems stated above and formulating potential solutions. Students will acquire a strong comprehensive foundation in the dynamics of the Earth and its environment, with options to specialize in the following streams to suit their background, interests and career objectives: (i) Atmospheric Science, (ii) Geology and Geophysics, and (iii) Environmental Science and Technology. Students will be given opportunities to gain valuable quantitative and analytical skills, and build their capabilities via laboratory work, field studies, numerical modeling and programming experience, seminars, workshops and research projects. Further enhancing these are exchange opportunities at overseas universities as well as internships in the Hong Kong Observatory and other government agencies, geotechnical firms, environmental organizations, and the educational sector.

**Highlights of EESC Courses**

#### Atmospheric Science Stream

Atmospheric Science is the study of the dynamics and chemistry of the atmosphere and climate, as well as their interactions with the oceans and biosphere. It addresses pressing global environmental issues such as climate change and air pollution.

- Land-Atmosphere Interactions and Boundary Layer Meteorology
- Tropical Meteorology
- Cloud Dynamics
- Atmospheric Chemistry
- Ecosystem and Climate
- Oceanography
- Air Pollution and Engineering
- Atmospheric Dynamics
- Physics and Chemistry of Aerosol

#### Geology and Geophysics Stream

Geology and Geophysics is a holistic discipline that extensively investigates the Earth’s structure and evolution through the application of geophysical and field techniques.

- Seismology
- Petrology
- Rock Mechanics
- Volcanology
- Geomorphology
- Geoscience Field Trip
- Marine Geophysics & Geology
- Hydrogeology
- Physics of the Earth
- Soil Mechanics
- Applied Geophysics
- Structural Geology
- Engineering Geology
- Solid and Fluid Mechanics

#### Environmental Science and Technology Stream

Environmental science and Technology is an integrated subject using the basic knowledge and skills of applied chemistry, microbiology and ecology to assess and resolve environmental problems. Students will receive multidisciplinary training in environmental chemistry, toxicology and health, environmental microbiology, environment monitoring and pollution control, and environmental impact assessment.

- Environmental Toxicology
- Environmental Protection & Pollution Control
- Environmental Health
- Biogeochemistry
- Environmental Microbiology
- Environmental Instrumentation Techniques
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Chemistry
- Chemical Treatment Processes
**Q1. What are the differences between Earth and Environmental Sciences (EESC), Earth System Science Programme (ESSC) and Environmental Science (ENSC)?**

EESC is the new integrated programme resulting from a merger between ESSC and ENSC. Each of ESSC and ENSC has had unique strengths and scopes catering to students of different needs and backgrounds, and the new EESC programme aims to combine such strengths such that students can be the most prepared to address the pressing environmental and resource problems of the 21st century. Starting from the academic year of 2022-23, new students entering CUHK can choose EESC as their major, but not ESSC or ENSC.

**Q2. What is the advantage of being admitted through EESC (JS4648)?**

Students entering via the separate JUPAS will gain early exposure to the EESC community, where they can enjoy not only more specific advice from teaching staff and peer mentors, but also early opportunities to EESC-focused activities.

**Q3. Will the existing internships and learning activities such as field trips in ENSC or ESSC be kept in the new programme EESC?**

Yes, absolutely. By integrating existing opportunities into a combined programme, students across the board can enjoy an even wider range of learning activities.