# Earth System Science

**Offered As:**
- ☑ Major

**Open to students of other Faculties:**
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**What is it about?**
Earth System Science seeks to understand the Earth as an integrated system, including its past, present and future behaviour, from the environments where life evolves on the surface to the interactions between the crust and its fluid envelopes (atmosphere and hydrosphere), with interests extending to the Earth's interior. Core courses in the major focus on understanding the composition, structure and processes of the solid earth, the hydrosphere and the atmosphere, and their interactions.

**Offering Department:**
Offered by the Department of Earth Sciences

**Pre-requisites and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor:**
Students are recommended to take PHYS1240 Physics by Inquiry and CHEM1041 Foundations of Chemistry if they do not have level 3 or above in HKDSE Physics and Chemistry, respectively, or equivalent. Please refer to the course prerequisites of the required courses.

For details, please check with the Department of Earth Sciences.

**Career opportunities:**
Students will be equipped with knowledge to help manage geological resources and natural hazards. Throughout the curriculum there is consistent emphasis on transferable skills, learning through fieldwork, laboratory studies and research based classes, designed to enhance students’ ability to think critically, to communicate effectively and to develop solutions to complex problems. Graduates from the major can pursue further studies in the Earth Sciences and careers in a wide variety of geoscience-related areas including resource management, hazard mitigation, soil and water conservation and teaching.

For details, please check with Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement).

**Further information:**

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* Note: Students pursuing curricula with major / minor programme(s) must complete at least one major programme from their home Faculties upon graduation.

**Disclaimer:**
The information mainly applies to students admitted in 2018-2019 and thereafter. For students from different cohorts, the information is only for reference. Please check with Faculty/offering department for details. The pre-requisites / conditions are subject to changes by Faculties from time to time, and students are advised to check with their Faculty Office in case of doubt.