

Student Training Course for International Biology Olympiad (IBO)
國際生物奧林匹克訓練課程

Phase I (SCIS2211)

Programme Outline (8 Sessions including 1 Final Assessment Test)

December 2019 - February 2020

Session	Date	Time	Topic	Venue	Instructor
1	14 Dec 2019 (Sat)	10:00 - 13:30	Lecture 1 & Tutorial 1: Ecology and population	Lecture Theater C, HKUST	Prof Mark Alan MCGINLEY
2	21 Dec 2019 (Sat)	10:00 - 13:30	Lecture 2 & Tutorial 2: Molecular and Cellular Biology		Dr LAM Yun Wah
3	28 Dec 2019 (Sat)	10:00 - 13:30	Lecture 3 & Tutorial 3: Evolutionary biology		Prof Jonathan FONG
4	4 Jan 2020 (Sat)	10:00 - 13:30	Lecture 4 & Tutorial 4: Animal behavior study		Dr CHEUNG Siu Gin
5	11 Jan 2020 (Sat)	10:00 - 13:30	Lecture 5 & Tutorial 5: Genetics		Prof CHOW King Lau
6	18 Jan 2020 (Sat)	10:00 - 13:30	Lecture 6 & Tutorial 6: Animal and plant physiology		Prof WONG Wing Tak Jack
7	1 Feb 2020 (Sat)	10:00 - 13:30	Lecture 7 & Tutorial 7: Neurobiology	Lecture Theater C, HKUST (changed to online lecture) Platform to be used: Zoom Video Webinars	Prof XIA Jun
8	8 Feb 2020 15 Feb 2020 (Sat)	10:00 - 13:00	Final Assessment Test	Lecture Theater C, HKUST (changed to online mode) Platform to be used: Zoom Video Webinars	N/A

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Regulations for Phase I Training Final Assessment Test

Mode of Competition:

- The paper consists of 200 true or false questions deriving from 50 complex questions. (the format is same as Part B / Part 2 of the theory question paper in the IBO examination: <https://www.ibo-info.org/en/info/papers.html>)
- The Assessment is a 3-hour written test.

Notes on Competition:

- Only calculators approved by The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority with “HKEAA APPROVED” logo can be used for the event.
- Measuring instruments like rulers, compasses, etc. can be used.
- Please prepare NOT more than 2 pieces of blank paper for rough work.
- No equations/formulae will be provided.
- Contestants must login the platform punctually and bring along their Hong Kong Identity Cards. Those who failed to comply may risk disqualification.
- Any changes in the regulations will be announced on the day of the event.
- Queries should reach the officer-in-charge immediately after the event begins on the online platform. The decision of the International Biology Olympiad - Hong Kong Contest Steering Committee will be final.

Attendance:

- Phase I students must attend the final assessment test. Zero mark will be given for those whose are absent from final assessment test.
- No special arrangement (including time change or attendance exemption) will be granted due to the reasons such as illness, participation of important events/ examinations/ competitions other than those meeting the above requirements.

The technical and software requirements for the Final Assessment Test (Online Mode) are as below:

- desktop/ laptop computer or tablet;
- video camera and microphone (if there are no webcam and microphone on your electronic device, you could use your smart phone);
- download the FREE software “Zoom” (<https://zoom.us/download>) in your electronic device and create your own account.

You are advised to prepare the above well in advance and note the following:

1. The video camera and microphone are used for verifying your identity which is essential during the Final Assessment Test.
2. You must keep them ON during the whole assessment period. Student who cannot fulfill this requirement could be disqualified.
3. You are suggested to stay in an isolated and quiet room during the period of Final Assessment Test.
4. If you have problem with this requirement and it is unavoidable that there will be other people in your room, you **MUST** reply to this email (ibohkc@hkage.org.hk) to declare your situation and reason by 8:00 a.m., 14 Feb. We will contact you and provide advices.
5. You are strongly advised to login the platform punctually to familiarise yourself with the procedures and check whether your devices work.
6. For entering the platform, please:

(a) login your own account on the following web site:

[https://zoom.us/signup?](https://zoom.us/signup?_ga=2.39037856.2041703660.1580349870-1329594953.1580349870)

(b) click "Join a meeting" then enter the Webinar ID and password provided in the email.

(The link for the Final Assessment Test will be delivered in the Zoom meeting chat room.)

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Regulations for Phase I Training:

- 1) The Programme is divided into 3 Learning Phases. There are final assessment tests in the last sessions of Phase I and Phase II respectively. **Students who could fulfil the attendance requirement and pass the final assessment tests** would be eligible to the next phase of training and finally be selected to represent Hong Kong to take part in the 31st IBO.
- 2) Students will not be promoted to the next phase if they do not attend at least 6 out of 8 sessions (including session 8: final assessment test) in Phase I.
- 3) Students must sign on the attendance sheet every lesson before leaving the classroom. The signature (not a symbol of “√”) on the attendance sheet is the only acceptable proof of attendance. Ticking on the attendance sheet or any other evidence (e.g. a photo during the lesson in the classroom) will NOT be accepted as proof of attendance.
- 4) The final assessment test consists of a 3-hour written test, with 200 true or false questions deriving from 50 complex questions. --- 100%
Promotion to Phase II: Around 15 students will be selected based on the total assessment score and attendance requirement.
- 5) Phase I students must attend all the final assessment test(s). Zero mark will be given for those whose are absent from final assessment test(s). No special arrangement will be made under any circumstances.
- 6) **No special arrangement (including time change or attendance exemption)** is granted due to the reasons such as illness, participation of important events/ examinations/ competitions other than those meeting the above requirements.
- 7) If any student cannot attend a class, he/she should send an absence notice to HKAGE in advance. Note that such a notice is not equivalent to absence application nor attendance exemption since, according to (6), there is no attendance exemption. The notice is to enable the teacher to have better arrangement of the lesson.
- 8) Below please find the tentative schedule of each phases of the Biology Enrichment Programme. None of the final assessment test will be rescheduled after confirmation of the official schedule. Students should consider carefully about your own schedule at school and the public examinations before you commit to the Programme.

Phase II training: Mainly on Saturdays of Feb 2020 - May 2020 (tentative) (The date of final assessment test: 2 May 2020 (tentative))

Phase III training: Mainly on Saturdays of May 2020 - June 2020 (tentative)

9) For the campus map, click [here](#); for the directions and transportation guide to HKUST, click [here](#).

10)The decision of IBO-HKC Steering committee shall be final and conclusive.

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