

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 (9 Sessions including 1 Final Assessment Test)

December 2020 – February 2021

Session	Date	Time	Topic	Instructor	Learning Mode
1	12 Dec 2020 (Sat)	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Lecture 1 & Tutorial 1: Ecology and Population	Prof Mark Alan McGINLEY	Online Mode Via Zoom
2	19 Dec 2020 (Sat)		Lecture 2 & Tutorial 2: Molecular and Cellular Biology; Cell Physiology	Dr CHOY Siu Wah Sarah	
3	2 Jan 2021 (Sat)		Lecture 3 & Tutorial 3: Evolutionary Biology	Prof Jonathan FONG	
4	9 Jan 2021 (Sat)		Lecture 4 & Tutorial 4: Animal Behavior Study	Dr CHEUNG Siu Gin	
5	16 Jan 2021 (Sat)		Lecture 5 & Tutorial 5: Genetics	Prof CHOW King Lau	
6	23 Jan 2021 (Sat)		Lecture 6 & Tutorial 6: Animal Physiology and Plant Physiology	Prof WONG Wing Tak Jack	
7	30 Jan 2021 (Sat)		Lecture 7 & Tutorial 7: Microbiology	Dr Jessica TANG	
8	6 Feb 2021 (Sat)		Open Discussion: Discussion of Various Topics	Prof CHOW King Lau	
9	20 Feb 2021 (Sat)		Final Assessment Test	UST staff	Online Mode Via Zoom

Updated on: 5 Feb 2021

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 upcoming IBO.
- 2) Students will not be promoted to the next phase if they do not attend at least 6 out of Session 1-8, and Session 9 (the final assessment test) in Phase I.
- 3) Students must enter the Zoom meeting room with their English full name for attendance taking (e.g. CHAN Tai Man). Any other evidence (e.g. a photo during the lesson in the Zoom 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. This is the only assessment of this course.

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 to those who 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 or participation of important events/ examinations/ competitions.

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 tests 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:

- Selection result announcement date: 26 Feb 2021 (tentative)
- Schedule: Mainly on Saturdays of Mar 2021 - May 2021 (tentative) (Date of final assessment test: 15 May 2021 (tentative))

Phase III training:

- Selection result announcement date: 21 May 2021 (tentative)
- Schedule: Mainly on Saturdays of May 2021 – July 2021 (tentative)

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