

Student Training Course for International Biology Olympiad (IBO)

國際生物奧林匹克訓練課程

Phase I (S3IBO001C)

Programme Outline (7 Sessions including 1 Final Assessment Test)

December 2022 – February 2023

Session	Date	Time	Topic	Instructor	Venue
1	10 Dec 2022 (Sat)	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Ecology	Prof Mark Alan McGINLEY	Rm 5583, Lift 27-28, 5/F, HKUST
2	17 Dec 2022 (Sat)		Molecular Biology & Genetics	Dr CHOY Siu Wah Sarah	Rm 5583, Lift 27-28, 5/F, HKUST
3	7 Jan 2023 (Sat)		Evolution & Bi-systematics	Prof Jonathan FONG	LTD, Lift 25-26, 1/F, Rm 5583, Lift 27-28, 5/F, HKUST
4	14 Jan 2023 (Sat)		Ethology	Dr CHEUNG Siu Gin	LTD, Lift 25-26, 1/F Rm 5583, Lift 27-28, 5/F, HKUST
5	4 Feb 2023 (Sat)		Animal Physiology	Dr Aftab AMIN	HKUST
6	11 Feb 2023 (Sat)		Plant Physiology	Dr Melody LEUNG	Online
7	18 Feb 2023 (Sat)		Assessment		Online

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 for 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 5 out of Session 1-6, and Session 7 (the final assessment test) in Phase I.
- 3) Students must fulfil the **Vaccine Pass requirements** for entering the venue. For details, please refer to <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/vaccine-pass.html>
- 4) 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.
- 5) The final assessment test consists of a 3-hour written test, with 200 true or false questions deriving from 50 complex questions.

Promotion to Phase II: Around 15 students will be selected based on the total assessment score and attendance requirement.

- 6) Phase I students must attend all the final assessment test(s). Zero mark will be given to those who are absent from the final assessment test(s). No special arrangement will be made under any circumstances.
- 7) **No special arrangement (including time change or attendance exemption)** is granted due to the reasons such as illness, participation in important events/ examinations/ competitions.
- 8) 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 an absence application nor an attendance exemption since, according to (7), there is no attendance exemption. The notice is to enable the teacher to have a better arrangement of the lesson.
- 9) Below please find the tentative schedule for each phase of the Biology Enrichment Programme. None of the final assessment tests will be rescheduled after confirmation of the official schedule. Students should carefully consider their own schedule at school and the public examinations before they commit to the Programme.

Phase II training:

- Selection result announcement date: 22 Feb 2023 (tentative)
- Schedule: Mainly on Saturdays of Mar 2023 - Apr 2023 (tentative) (Date of final assessment test: 29 Apr 2023 (tentative))

Phase III training:

- Selection result announcement date: 4 May 2023 (tentative)
- Schedule: Mainly on Saturdays of May 2023 – Jun 2023 (tentative)

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