

Student Training Course for International Biology Olympiad 2024
2024 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 2023 – February 2024

Session	Date	Time	Topic	Instructor	Venue
1	9 Dec 2023 (Sat)	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Ecology & Environmental Science	Dr Tommy Hui (LU)	LSK1034, 1/F, Lee Shau Kee Business Building, HKUST (map)
2	23 Dec 2023 (Sat)		Plant Anatomy & Physiology	Dr TK Goh	
3	6 Jan 2024 (Sat)		Microbiology	Dr Amy Li (HKUST)	
4	13 Jan 2024 (Sat)		Ethology	Dr Siu Gin Cheung (CityU)	
5	20 Jan 2024 (Sat)		Animal Anatomy & Physiology	Dr Philip Lam (HKUST)	
6	27 Jan 2024 (Sat)		Molecular Biology & Genetics	Dr Jessica Tang (HKUST)	
7	3 Feb 2024 (Sat)	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (TBC)	Assessment	N/A	TBC

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) 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.

4) Phase I students must attend all the final assessment test(s). Zero marks will be given to those who are absent from the final assessment test(s). No special arrangement will be made under any circumstances.

5) **No special arrangement (including time change or attendance exemption)** is granted due to reasons, such as illness, participation in important events/ examinations/ competitions, etc.

6) 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 (5), there is no attendance exemption. The notice is to enable the teacher to have a better arrangement of the lesson.

7) 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:

- Tentative Selection result announcement date: 8 Feb 2024
- Tentative Schedule: Mainly on Saturdays of Mar 2024 - Apr 2024 (Tentative Date of final assessment test: 27 Apr 2024)

Phase III training:

- Tentative Selection result announcement date: 3 May 2024
- Tentative Schedule: Mainly on Saturdays of May 2024 – Jun 2024

8) The decision of IBO-HKC Steering Committee shall be final and conclusive.