



# Student Feedback Questionnaire (SFQ)

**System Manual for** 





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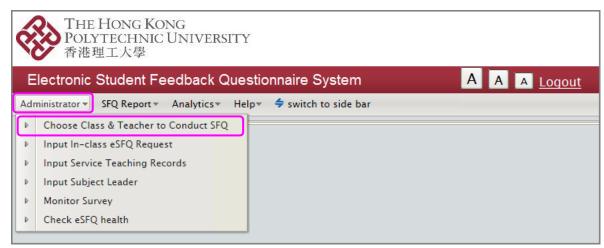
#### System manual for Departmental SFQ Administrators

The following system manual is for Departmental SFQ Administrators' use. It can also be accessed at <a href="https://www.polyu.edu.hk/esfqadmin">www.polyu.edu.hk/esfqadmin</a>. Subject Leaders and Teachers should refer to their corresponding manuals as their system interfaces are different from that of the Administrators.

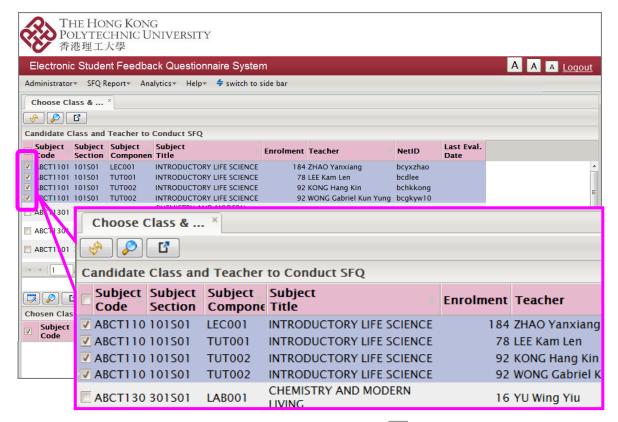
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## 1. Adding classes and teachers to conduct the SFQ

- **Step 1** Go to <a href="http://www.polyu.edu.hk/esfqadmin">http://www.polyu.edu.hk/esfqadmin</a> and log in using your NetID and password.
- Step 2 In the top menu bar, select Administrator, then Choose Class & Teacher to Conduct SFQ from the drop-down menu.

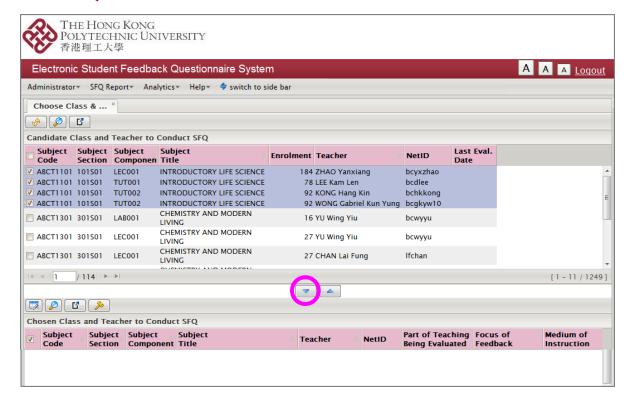


Step 3 In the Candidate Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section, check the box next to the classes you wish to select to conduct the SFQ.



You can search for a class by clicking the Magnifying glass icon P in the menu bar.

Step 4 Click the Down button to move the selected class(es) to the Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section.

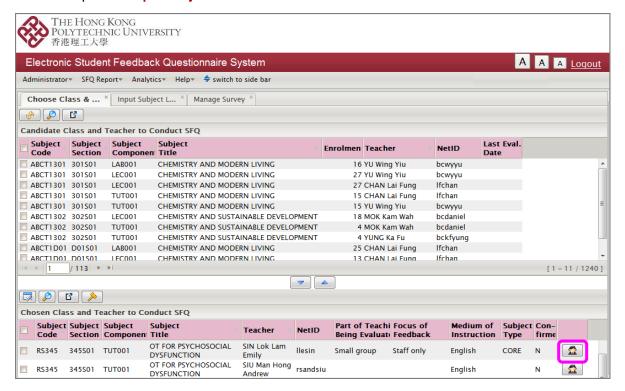


Step 5 Input the Subject Leader information. As Subject Leaders have the right to (1) input extra questions for the subject, (2) monitor the survey response rates, and (3) access the subject reports, information on the Subject Leader is required when adding classes to conduct the SFQ.

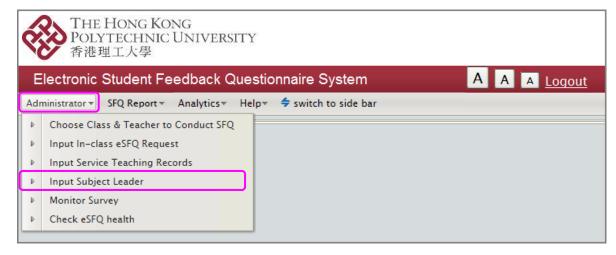
Input information on the secondary Subject Leaders as well, if applicable, as they also have the right to monitor the survey response rates and access the subject reports (but not to input extra questions for the subject).

Records with missing Subject Leader information are indicated with an Input Subject Leader icon in the Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section.

To input the Subject Leader information, click the Input Subject Leader icon next to the class record to open the Input Subject Leader tab.



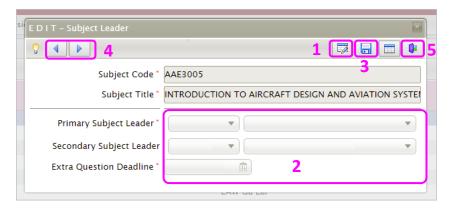
Alternatively, you access the tab by clicking **Administrator** in the top menu bar, then select **Input Subject Leader** from the drop-down menu.



**Step 6** On the **Input Subject Leader** tab, double-click a class record of which the Subject Leader information is to be inputted and a window will pop up.

To enter the Subject Leader information:

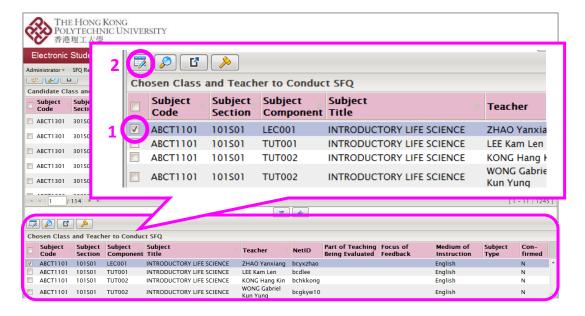
- 1. Click the Edit icon in the top right corner.
- 2. Select the appropriate Subject Leader information from the drop-down menus (input information on the secondary Subject Leader, if applicable) and select the deadline for the Primary Subject Leader to add extra questions (Note: the deadline cannot be later than the start date of the first survey that has "Subject" or "Subject & staff" as its feedback focus).
- 3. Click the Save icon to save the changes.
- 4. Click the Left and Right arrows to go to the previous and next record respectively.
- 5. Click the Exit icon 👎 to close the window.



Note that once the Subject Leader information is inputted and saved, the system will immediately send an email to the primary Subject Leader, asking him/her to input additional questions on the subject, if any.

**Step 7** Input other required information e.g., part of teaching being evaluated, focus of feedback and subject type, etc.

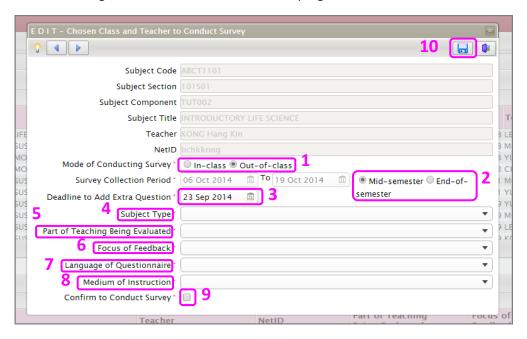
To do so, select a class in the **Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ** section, then click the **Edit** icon .



# Step 8 Input the following required information, then click the Save icon ...

- Mode of Conducting Survey: The default setting is Out-of-class. If in-class SFQ is to be conducted, select In-class and provide justification and seek approval from the DLTC Chair (where appropriate) via the Input In-class eSFQ Request tab.
- Survey Collection Period: For <u>out-of-class</u> administration, the default setting is End-of-semester. Select Mid-semester if the teaching for that class ends by Week 7. Note that you will not be able to alter the survey start date and end date for out-of-class administration.
  - For <u>in-class</u> administration, choose whether the survey will be conducted within or outside Week 13 then select the survey start date and end date by clicking the calendar icon. Note that the minimum survey period for in-class administration is 3 days and by default, the end date is set to the last day of the nearest standard survey period.
- 3. Deadline to Add Extra Question: By default, the deadline is set to one week before the survey start date. To select another date, click the calendar icon then choose the date. You can choose any date before the survey start date.
- 4. Subject Type: Select the appropriate subject type from the drop-down menu.
- 5. Part of Teaching Being Evaluated: Select the appropriate part(s) of teaching being evaluated from the drop-down menu.
- 6. Focus of Feedback: Select the appropriate option from the drop-down menu.
- 7. Language of Questionnaire: Select the language for the questionnaire, if applicable.
- 8. Medium of Instruction: Select the appropriate medium of instruction, if applicable.
- Confirm to Conduct Survey: Check the box to confirm that the SFQ will be conducted
  according to the information entered. Once confirmed, the system will automatically send the
  subject teacher an email asking him/her to check the subject information and add additional
  questions, if any.
  - Note: (1) The instructions to conduct the SFQ will not be executed if you leave the box unchecked.

    Allow at least one day for the confirmed instruction to take effect according to the inputted information.
    - (2) If in-class administration is chosen and approval from the DLTC Chair is required, you will not be able to check the box <u>until the DLTC Chair's approval has been obtained</u>.
- 10. To save the settings, click the Save icon in the top right corner.

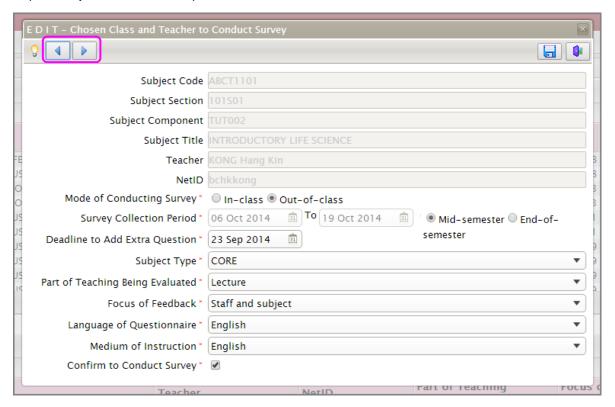


To go to the previous or next record, click the Left arrow 

and Right arrow in the top left corner respectively. 

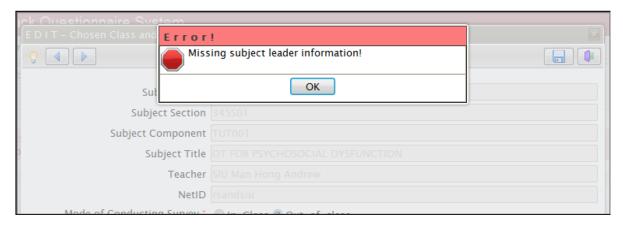
in the top left arrow in the top left corner respectively.

Repeat Step 6 to enter the required information for other classes.



Step 10 To close the Edit window, click the Exit icon in the top right corner.

Upon confirming the execution of the SFQ and closing the window, you will be notified of any missing subject leader information in any records.

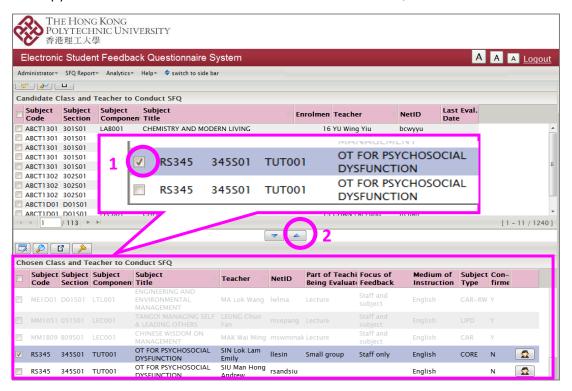


In case of missing Subject Leader information:

- 1. Uncheck the box next to Confirm to Conduct Survey.
- 2. Click the Save icon to save the record.
- 3. Follow **Steps 5 and 6** to input the Subject Leader information.

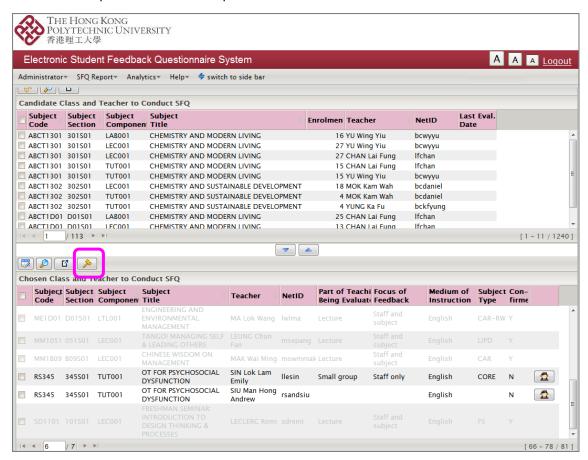
#### 2. Unselecting records of SFQ-taking classes and teachers

To unselect any record of SFQ-taking classes, check the box next to the class(es) in the **Chosen**Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section, then click the Up button to move the selected record(s) back to the Candidate Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section.



## 3. Confirming all classes and teachers to conduct SFQ

Step 1 To confirm all selected classes and teachers to conduct the SFQ in the Chosen Class and Teacaher to Conduct SFQ section, click the Confirm All icon in the top left corner. Note that only classes with all the required information inputted will be confirmed.



Incomplete records with any missing information (e.g. Subject Leader, subject type, part of teaching being evaluated, justification and/or approval not yet provided/obtained, etc.) will remain unconfirmed.

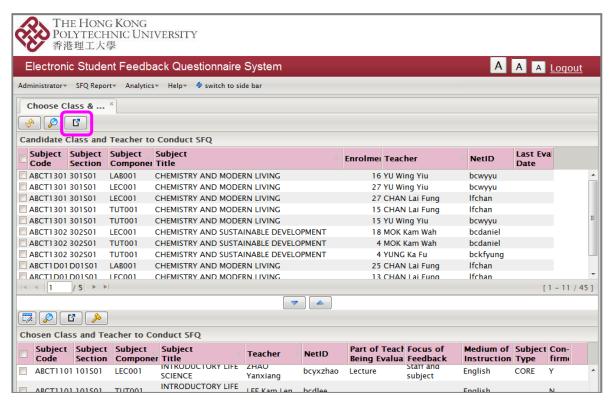
A prompt will notify you the number of confirmed classes and unconfirmed classes due to what kind of missing information. Please take necessary action as soon as possible.



Once the class records are confirmed, the system will automatically send the subject teachers an email asking them to check the subject information and add additional questions, if any.

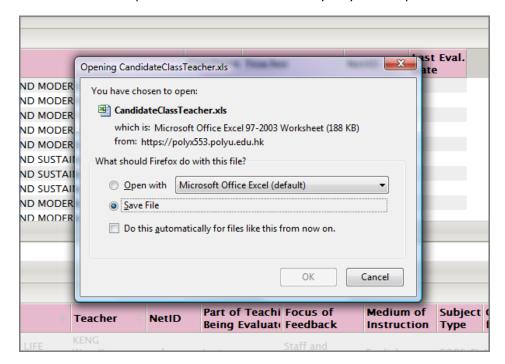
## 4. Exporting the list of candidate classes and teachers to conduct the SFQ

To export the list of candidate classes and teachers to conduct the SFQ, click the Export icon on the Candidate Class & Teacher to Conduct SFQ section.



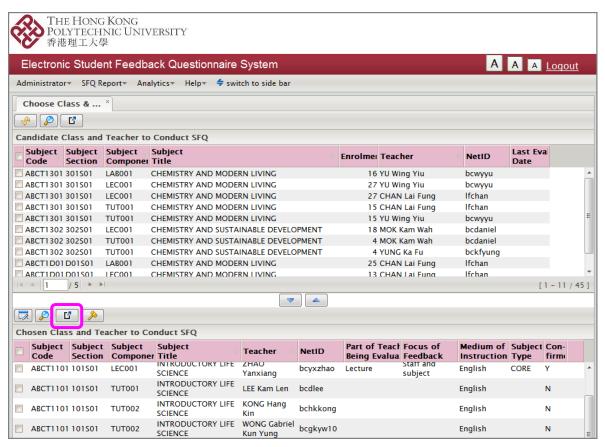
## **Step 2** Select the appropriate option then click **OK**:

- 1. Open the exported file with Excel directly then save the file; or
- 2. Save the exported file in .xls format directly on your computer.



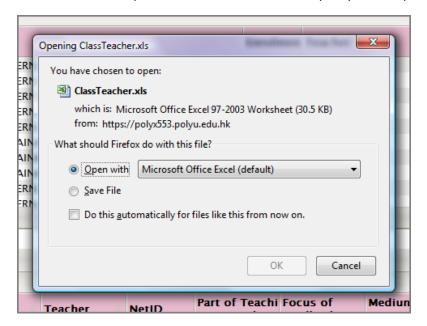
## 5. Exporting the list of selected classes and teachers to conduct the SFQ

To export the list of selected classes and teachers to conduct the SFQ, click the Export icon in the Chosen Class & Teacher to Conduct SFQ section.



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- 2. Save the exported file in .xls format directly on your computer.

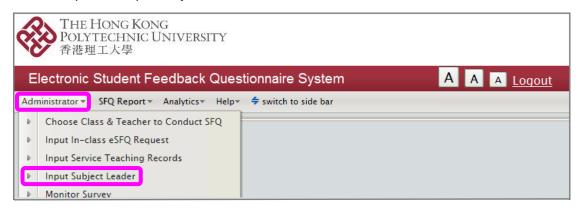


## 6. Inputting Subject Leader information

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Input information on the secondary Subject Leaders as well, if applicable, as they also have the right to monitor the survey response rates and access the subject reports (but not to input extra questions for the subject).

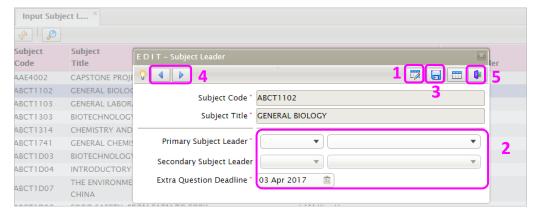
Step 1 Click Administrator in the top menu bar, then select Input Subject Leader from the drop-down menu to open the Input Subject Leader tab.



Step 2 On the Input Subject Leader tab, double-click the class record of which the Subject Leader information is to be inputted and a window will pop up.

To enter the Subject Leader information:

- 1. Click the Edit icon in the top right corner.
- 2. Select the appropriate Subject Leader information from the drop-down menus (input information on secondary Subject Leader, if applicable) and the deadline for the Primary Subject Leader to add extra questions (Note: the deadline cannot be later than the start date of the first survey that has "Subject" or "Subject & staff" as its feedback focus).
- 3. Click the Save icon to save the changes
- 4. Click the Left ◀ and Right ▶ buttons to go to the previous and next record respectively.
- 5. Click the Exit icon to close the window.



Note that once the Subject Leader information is inputted and saved, the system will immediately send an email to the primary Subject Leader, asking him/her to input additional questions on the subject, if any.

#### 7. Inputting In-class SFQ Administration Request

Departments are required to provide justification and where appropriate, seek DLTC Chair's approval via the SFQ system if they wish to set up in-class SFQ administration. If the teacher requesting in-class SFQ administration is the DLTC/SLTC Chair, seek approval from the Head of Department instead.

All in-class administration requests with justification, including those that wish to conduct SFQ beyond Week 13 (Week 7 for Summer Term), must be submitted via the SFQ system at least 8 days before the proposed survey start date or by 11:59 p.m., Sunday of Week 10 (Week 4 for Summer Term), whichever is sooner, and where appropriate, approved by the given deadline, or no in-class SFQ can be set up. Please also note that survey periods cannot cross over semesters.

While exemption from approval to conduct in-class SFQ within the 13-week teaching schedule (7-week for Summer Term) is given to classes with enrolments of 30 or less, department will still need to input the justification for in-class administration in the SFQ system before the settings can be confirmed.

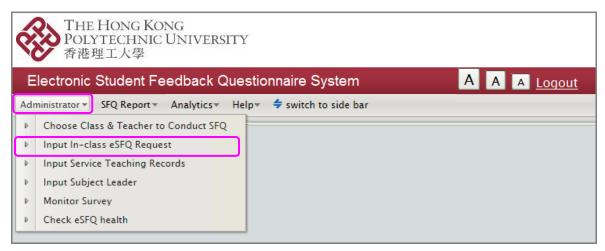
The following table summarizes the in-class request arrangements:

		Proposed survey period		
		Within 13-week teaching schedule	Beyond Week 13 (within the	
			semester)*	
	30 or	- Approval from DLTC Chair is not required	- Requires DLTC Chair's	
	less	<ul> <li>Department to provide justification for in- class administration and confirm settings via SFQ system at least one day before the proposed survey start date</li> </ul>	approval  - Department to submit request with justification via SFQ system on or before Sunday of Week 10 (or Week 4 for Summer Term)  *Survey periods cannot be across semesters.	
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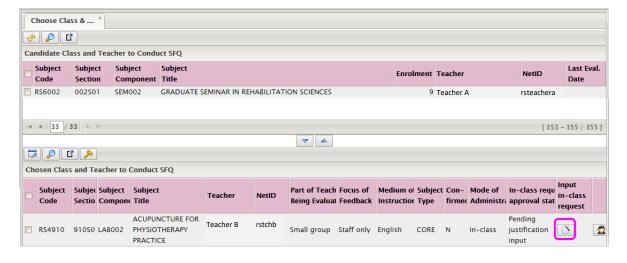
You will receive an email notification upon the approver submitting a decision or that a submitted request needs further attention or action (e.g. the deadline for approval has passed). *Please log in to the SFQ system and take necessary action as soon as possible when you receive the email notifications.* 

To submit justification and request for approval, follow the steps below.

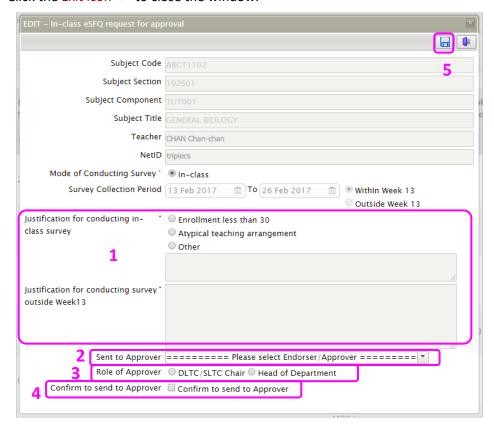
Step 1 If you have already set up the SFQ record in the Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section, click Administrator in the top menu bar, then select Input In-class eSFQ Request from the drop-down menu to open the tab.



Alternatively, you can access the tab by click the Input in-class request icon in the Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section.



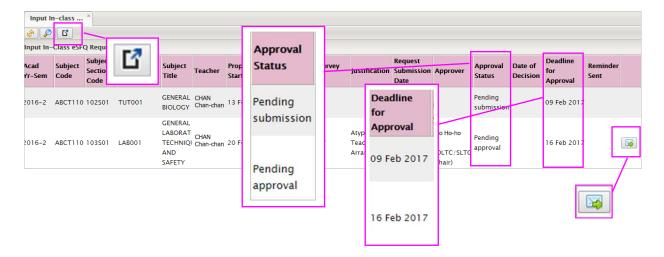
- Step 2 On the Input In-class eSFQ Request tab, double-click the class record for which you would like to submit the justification/request for in-class administration. A window will pop up.
  - i. If approval is not required:
    - 1. Select/Enter the justification for conducting in-class SFQ.
    - 2. Click the Save icon to save and submit the justification.
    - 3. Click the Exit icon to close the window.
    - 4. Go back to the class record in the Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section to confirm the settings and check the Confirm to Conduct Survey box.
  - ii. If approval is required:
    - 1. Select/Enter the justification for conducting in-class SFQ. If the in-class SFQ is to be conducted beyond Week 13 (or Week 7 for Summer Term), input the justification for conducting survey outside Week 13.
    - 2. Select the appropriate approver from the staff list. *If the teacher responsible for the class is the DLTC/SLTC Chair, seek approval from the Head of Department instead.*
    - 3. Select the role of the approver (see ii.2 above).
    - 4. Check the Confirm to send to Approver box. If you leave this box unchecked, the request will <u>NOT</u> be submitted, and no email will be sent to the selected approver for further action even when the request has been saved.
    - 5. Click the Save icon to save and submit the request. Upon saving and submitting the request, the system sends an email immediately to the selected approver for further action.
    - 6. You can click the Cancel icon to cancel a submitted request (i.e. approval status being "pending approval") or a request that has already been approved. Please note that when the request has been cancelled, the settings of the corresponding record in the Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section will be reset. You will need to go back there to do the settings again.
    - 7. Click the Exit icon to close the window.



Step 3 If you need to change the survey period, you will need to do so in the Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section. Upon saving any changes made to the survey period, the previoulsy submitted request will be cancelled automatically and you will need to put in a new request following Step 2 above.

Note also that if you change the mode of administration to "out-of-class" in the **Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ** section and save the settings, the in-class SFQ request previoulsy submitted for that class will be cancelled automatically.

- **Step 4** On the **Input In-class eSFQ Request** tab, you can:
  - 1. Check the approval status (also shown in the Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ section).
  - 2. Check the deadline for approval. If needed, you can send additional emails to the approvers to remind them that they are yet to approve certain requests to conduct inclass SFQ by clicking the Send Email icon to open the Send Email Reminder window. Note that the email reminder will be sent under your name, and copied to the Subject Teacher.
  - 3. View the request and approval details by double-clicking on a record.
  - 4. Export the requests for your record by clicking the Export icon . Note that the records will be cleared at the end of each semester. You are advised to export the list by the end of each semester for your own record if needed.



Step 5 You will receive an email notification upon the approver submitting a decision or that the deadline for approval has passed. *Please log in to the SFQ system and take necessary action as soon as possible*.

If the request has been approved, go back to the class record in the **Chosen Class and Teacher to Conduct SFQ** section to confirm the settings and check the **Confirm to Conduct Survey** box.

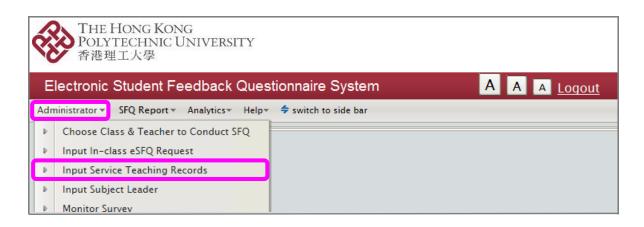
If the request has been rejected, submit a new request or set up out-of-class administration for that class if deemed appropriate.

#### 8. Inputting Service Teaching Records

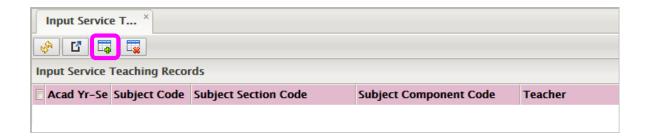
Departments are required to input information on the service teaching done by their staff members each semester, and make sure that such information is correct as it will be used to generate the reports for staff appraisal, further appointment, etc.

Departmental Administrators can input or edit this information any time within the semester.

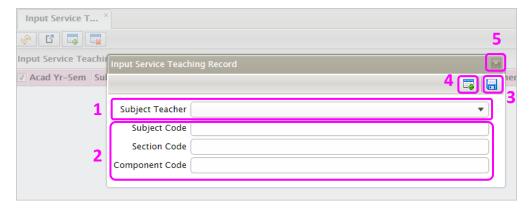
Step 1 Click Administrator in the top menu bar, then select Input Service Teaching Records from the drop-down menu to open the Input Service Teaching Records tab.



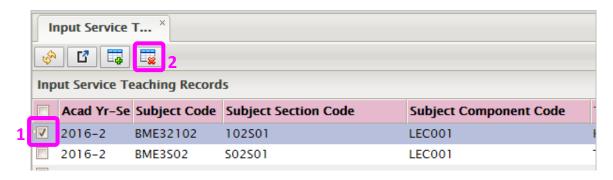
Step 2 On the Input Service Teaching Records tab, click the Create new record icon and a window will pop up.



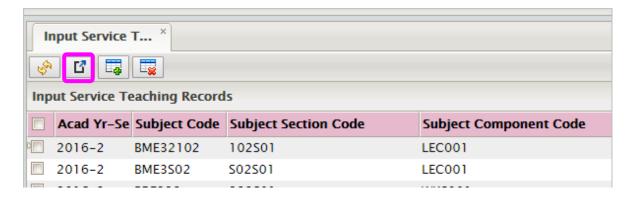
- **Step 3** To enter information about service teaching done by your department for the semester:
  - 1. Select the staff member from the Subject Teacher drop-down menu.
  - 2. Enter the subject code, section code and component code of the class for which the staff member does service teaching.
  - 3. Click the Save icon to save the information. Saved records will be displayed in the tab when you close the pop-up window.
  - 4. To add another record, click the Create new record icon ——.
  - 5. To close the pop-up window, click the cross button in the top right corner.



**Step 4** To delete a record, check the box next to the record then click the Delete record icon ...



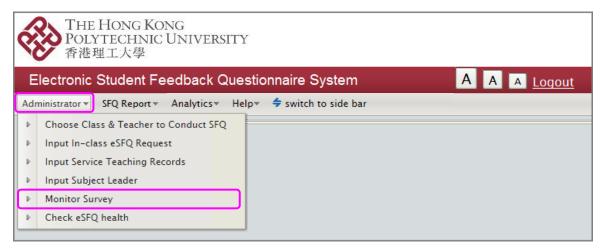
You can export the list to an Excel file by clicking the Export icon . Note that the records will be cleared at the end of each semester and you are advised to export the list for your own record if needed by the end of each semester.



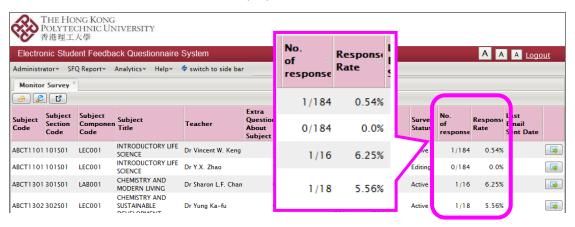
#### 9. Monitoring the survey

You can check the response rates to the SFQ and send emails to the students via the SFQ system if needed.

**Step 1** To check the response rates to the SFQ, select **Administrator** in the top menu bar then select **Monitor Survey** from the drop-down menu.

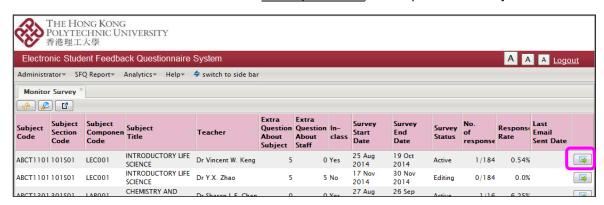


The number of responses and response rate of each individual class for which the SFQ has been administered in the semester will be displayed.



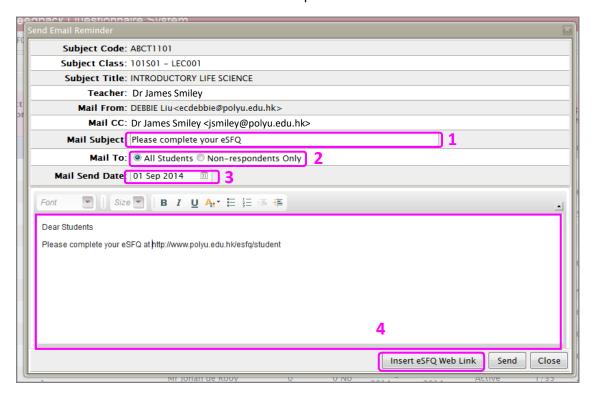
Step 2 If you are asked by the Subject Leader or subject teacher to send an email reminder to the students enrolled in the class, click the Send Email icon to open the Send Email Reminder window.

Note that the email reminder will be sent under your name, and copied to the Subject Teacher.

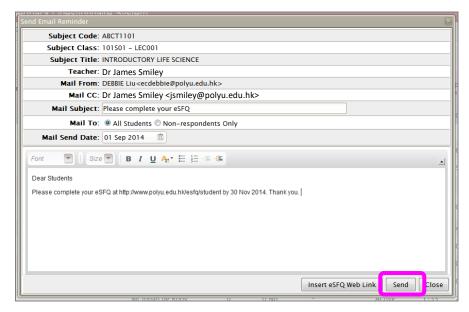


#### **Step 3** Fill in the required information as appropriate:

- 1. Mail Subject: Provide an email subejct.
- Mail To: By default, it is set to send to all students. Select Non-respondents Only if you would like to send the email reminder to the students who have not yet completed the SFQ only.
- 3. Mail Send Date: Select the date you would like the email to be sent.
- Mail content: Write your message to encourage student participation. If you would like to
  insert the SFQ web link into your email for students' easier access, click Insert eSFQ Web
  Link and it will be inserted at the cursor position.



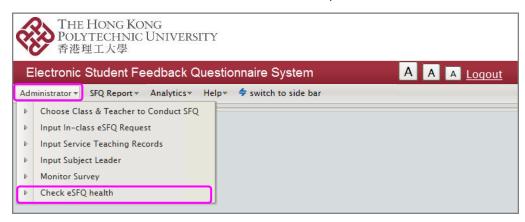
#### **Step 4** Click **Send** to send the email.



#### 10. Departmental SFQ status health check

The Health Check fuction helps the Departmental SFQ Administrators to spot any potential irregularities in the class records e.g., classes with invalid or no subject teacher information, classes without any student enrolment, etc. Departmental SFQ Administrators are advised to use this health check function regularly to see if any class record requires immediate attention and follow-up action.

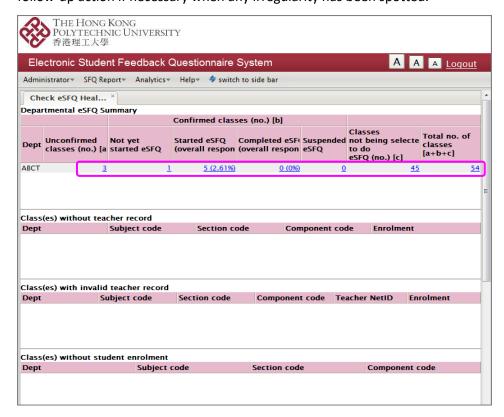
**Step 1** To check the SFQ status, click **Administrator** in the top menu bar then select **Check eSFQ Health**.



## **Step 2** The following information will be displayed:

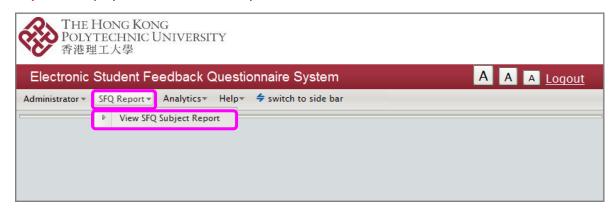
- 1. Departmental eSFQ Summary (click the links to display further information)
- 2. Class(es) without teacher record
- 3. Class(es) with invalid teacher record
- 4. Class(es) without student enrolment
- 5. Missing LCR subjects (viewable to CBS and ELC only)

Departmental SFQ Administrators should rectify any problem record accordingly and take other follow-up action if necessary when any irregularity has been spotted.



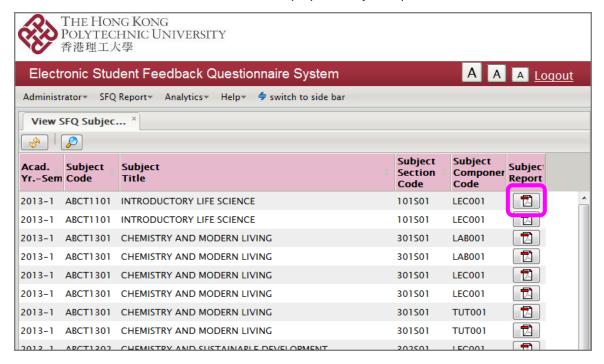
## 11. Viewing SFQ subject reports

Step 1 To view the subject reports, click SFQ Report in the top menu bar then select View SFQ Subject Report to display the list of available reports.



Step 2 You can search for a report by clicking the Magnifying glass icon 2.

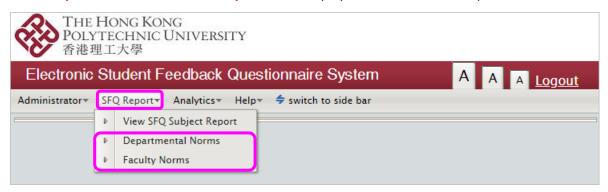
Click the PDF icon next to the record to display the subject report for that class.



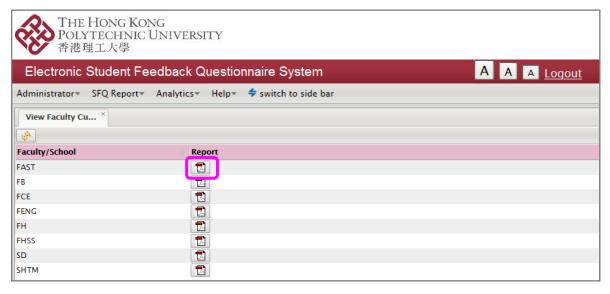
#### 12. Viewing departmental and faculty norms

Subject Leaders, subject teachers and departmental SFQ administrators can view the departmental norms of their own department and the norms of all Faculties/Schools.

Step 1 To view the departmental or faculty cumulative norms, click SFQ Report in the top menu bar then select Departmental Norms or Faculty Norms to display the list of available reports.



Step 2 Click the PDF icon next to the record to display the report.



## 13. Viewing subject averages

Departmental SFQ administrators can view and export the overall means of the items about the subject to an Excel file.

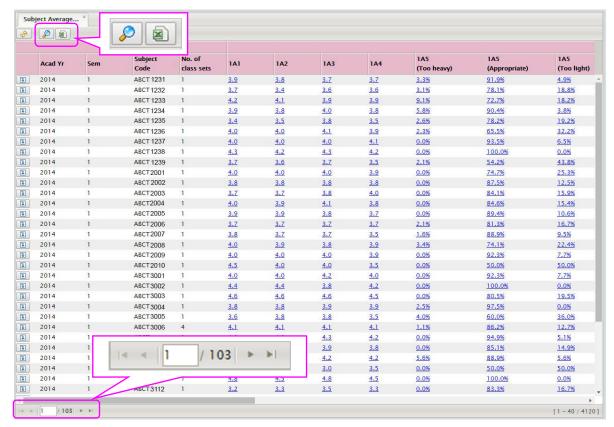
Step 1 To view the subject averages, click **Analytics** in the top menu bar, select **Departmental SFQ Administrator**, then **Subject Averages** to display the list of subject averages.



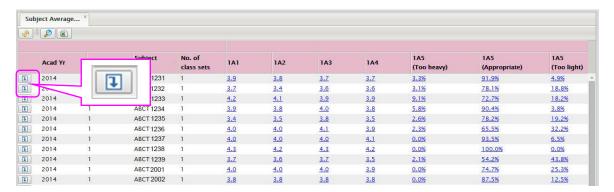
Step 2 Use the Arrow buttons at the bottom to go to the first, previous, next or last page. Alternatively, you can enter the page number to go to a particular page.

Click the column headers to sort the corresponding columns in ascending or descending order. To search for a particular record, click the Magnifiying glass icon . Enter the relevant information, then click Search.

To export the records to an Excel file, click the Excel file icon .

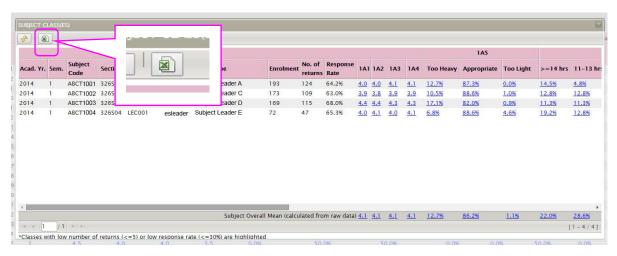


To see the class set(s) information, click the Drill down icon .



The class sets information will appear in a pop-up window.

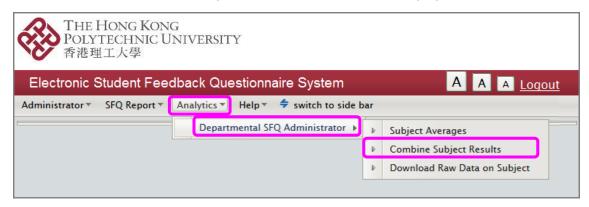
To export the record(s) to an Excel file, click the Excel file icon .



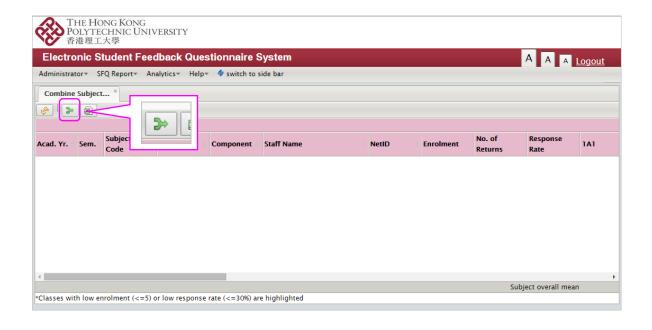
## 14. Combining subject results

Departmental SFQ administrators can combine the subject results for different classes of the same subject using the "Combine Subject Results" function.

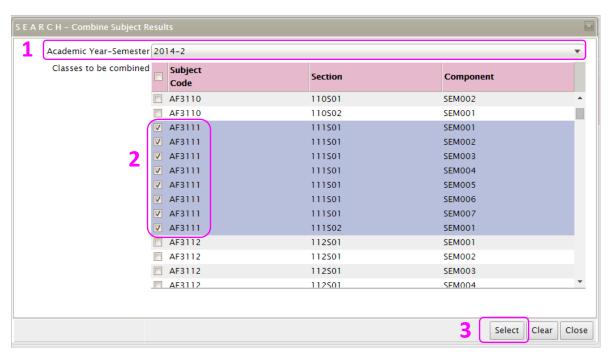
Step 1 To combine the subject results, click **Analytics** in the top menu bar, select **Departmental SFQ Administrator**, then **Combine Subject Results**. A new tab will be displayed.



Step 2 Click the Combine Subject Results icon . A window will pop up.

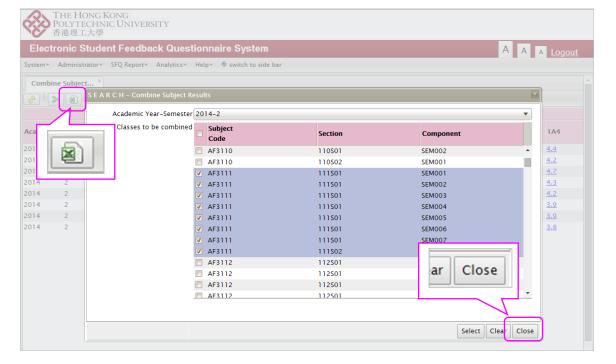


Step 3 In the pop-up window, select: (1) the Academic Year/Semester from the drop-down menu to display the records available for combining; (2) the classes of which the subject results you wish to combine. Then click Select.



**Step 4** The selected records and combined results will appear in the background tab. Click Close to view the combined results.

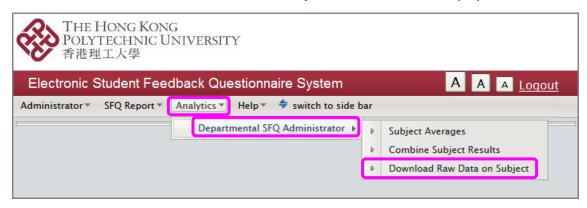
To export the combined results to an Excel file, click the Excel file icon



## 15. Downloading raw data on subject

Departmental SFQ Administrator can download the raw data of students' responses (*de-identified*) in Section I About the Subject.

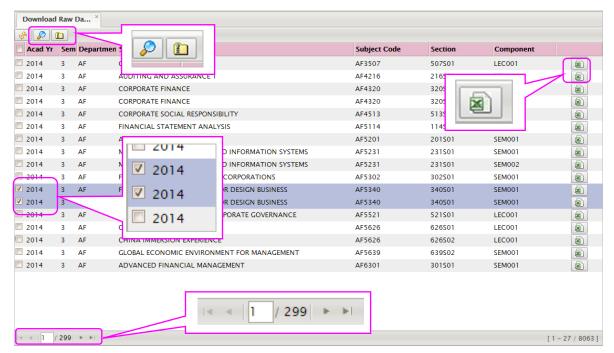
Step 1 To download the subject raw data, click Analytics in the top menu bar, select Departmental SFQ Administrator, then Download Raw Data on Subject. A new tab will be displayed.



Click the Excel file icon to download the raw data of a particular record. To download multiple records, select the records by checking the boxes next to them then click the zip file icon.

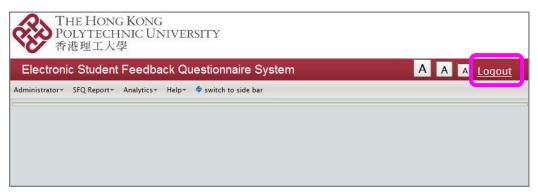
To search for a particular record, click the Magnifiying glass icon . Enter the relevant information, then click Search.

You can use the Arrow buttons at the bottom to go to the first, previous, next or last page. Alternatively, you can enter the page number to go to a particular page.



# 16. Logging out of the SFQ system

**Step 1** To log out of the SFQ system, click the Logout link in the top right corner.



## 17. Further assistance and support

For further assistance or support, send an email to esfq.support@polyu.edu.hk with the following information if possible:

- Screenshot Capture your screen (by holding down Ctrl or Alt key while hitting the Print Screen button for PC, or Ctrl+Shift+Command (Apple)+4 for Macintosh) and paste the image to the email
- Browser address Copy the URL that is displayed in the address line of your browser and paste it to the email.