SOCIAL SCIENCES
Undergraduate Prospectus
2020–21
Vision and Mission

The Faculty of Social Sciences of The University of Hong Kong seeks to make a positive social contribution through a global presence, regional significance and engagement with the rest of China. The Faculty delivers impact through internationalisation, innovation and interdisciplinarity. It attracts and nurtures global scholars through excellence in research, teaching and learning and knowledge exchange. The Faculty aims to produce citizens with a global perspective who are critical thinkers, socially aware, ready to embrace diversity, and seek to make an impact on society.
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Welcome to the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Hong Kong. You have some difficult decisions to make but exciting times ahead. Coming to University is a chance for you to explore your future while learning about what kind of person you are and want to be. You can take the first steps in a long and prosperous career but you can also challenge your values and decide what is really important.

The Social Sciences are all about people; you will find the different ways we study people inside this prospectus. Our programmes also allow students to grow through new experiences. Our students all have an international experience during their studies, so that they need to leave Hong Kong and get a different perspective on the world. Our students also complete a “Social Innovation” internship, where they spend time in an organisation off-campus and help with real problems and issues in the community.

Our largest degree is the Bachelor of Social Sciences; we also offer this degree in a joint programme along with an LLB from the Faculty of Law, and in a dual degree with top international universities, the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) and the University of California, Berkeley (UCB). We also offer Bachelor’s degrees in Social Work (BSW) and Journalism (BJ).

We have also run a first cohort of an integrated Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (BASc) degree in conjunction with the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science. Students will be free to study subjects from across the Arts, Sciences, and Social
Sciences, and will learn how to harness interdisciplinary knowledge between them. We will offer individualised academic guidance to help students design a course of study that best suits them. If you want to take control of your learning, this programme may be for you.

Ultimately, we strive to help develop critical thinkers with strong values of inclusiveness, who see the value in diversity and taking someone else’s perspective. We think our graduates will be well-placed to help tackle problems in their communities around them, as well as some of the biggest problems facing us all. After all, many of our problems are social. Climate change is a physical problem but the only barrier to a solution is getting everyone to agree on what to do. Health is increasingly an issue that is affected by social processes like migration, urbanisation, nutrition, and physical activity.

Our graduates get jobs as social workers, psychologists, teachers, journalists, civil servants, data scientists, human resources professionals, and many more. If you are fascinated by how people live, work, and play, and want to help solve problems both big and small, then join us!

Professor William G Hayward
Dean of Social Sciences
Departments

Geography

Politics and Public Administration

Psychology

Social Work and Social Administration

Sociology

Journalism and Media Studies Centre
The Department of Geography is the first and foremost geography department in Hong Kong. Since its inception, the Department has trained nearly 3400 undergraduates including some world-class academics, prominent government officials, business leaders and senior professionals, etc. The Department offers well-structured courses to keep students abreast of the most up-to-date knowledge and contemporary issues in Hong Kong and in the world. With strong emphasis on people-environment interactions, students will have the opportunities to investigate various phenomena and dynamics, for instance, climate change, economic and regional development, ecosystem services, globalisation, natural hazards, public health, sustainable development, tourism, transportation and urbanisation and so forth, in the rapidly changing world.

The Department of Politics and Public Administration is a founding department of the Faculty. During the past decades, the Department has contributed to the development of its discipline both locally and internationally through dedicated teaching, research and knowledge exchange. Students are exposed to basic concepts and general features of political systems, as well as the organisation and functions of government. The specialist streams comprise comparative politics, international politics, political theory and ethics, and public administration.
Psychology

The Department of Psychology is the first department of psychology in Hong Kong. The pioneer spirit continues to push the Department to strive for excellence and break new grounds.

Through our programme, students will gain knowledge of psychology, learn and apply research skills, and develop their critical thinking ability. Students take courses spanning a range of areas of psychology, including social psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, psychopathology and therapeutic psychology, and neuroscience. Students also receive training in research methods and statistical analysis, and have opportunities to gain research experience in one of the many cutting-edge laboratories in the department, working as research interns or conducting their own independent research projects.

Social Work and Social Administration

The Department of Social Work and Social Administration is the first social work training institute in Hong Kong’s history of professional social work education. Since 1950, it is our core mission to provide rigorous academic and professional training in social work. We are also a leader in counselling, behavioural health, expressive arts therapy, mental health and gerontology education. Our commitment to improving the quality of life of people has kept our social work education at the forefront of the changing social welfare landscape. Many of our graduates are now social work leaders in the region. Others became esteemed clinical practitioners, government officials, directors and senior managers in NGOs, as well as professors in major universities.

The Department also offers two majors/minors in ‘Social Policy & Social Development’ and ‘Counselling’ for the Bachelor of Social Sciences Programme to provide students with solid foundation in social sciences, social consciousness, effective communication and problem-solving skills. Graduates are best equipped for positions of Officers in the government which finances and administers the largest bulk of social services, or planning and management positions in non-governmental and private agencies, etc. Graduates can also pursue further studies in practical cutting-edge evidence-based postgraduate programmes provided by the Department (e.g. Master of Social Work, Master of Social Sciences, and Master of Philosophy, etc.).
The Department of Sociology, founded in 1967, has a long tradition in research and teaching about local cultures and societies. With the advent of large scale social transformations, this sociological lens on everyday life and cultures has broadened, framed within a global context.

Sociology provides students with critical analytical and methodological skills for understanding individuals and their connection to communities and societies, across a range of social indicators - class, crime, economy, education, gender, marriage and family, media, punishment, and religion.

Journalism and Media Studies Centre

Founded in 1998, the Journalism and Media Studies Centre (JMSC) brings professional journalism education to Hong Kong’s premier university, creating an environment for vibrant interaction among students from Hong Kong, mainland China, Asia and the rest of the world.

The JMSC’s mission is to support civil society and an informed citizenry through a vibrant and professional news media, to enhance professional standards, to bolster journalistic integrity and to help students build vital communications skills valuable for any future career. The JMSC pursues these goals through its teaching programmes, research, professional services and its industry and academic partnerships.
Bachelor of Arts and Sciences

The BASc curriculum equips students with this interdisciplinary focus and prepares them to make an impact by solving the world’s problems. Each student achieves these goals in a personalised and tailor-made manner whilst being supported by a mentor and other students from the BASc family.

Students will major in Interdisciplinary Studies where they will take five courses from each of the two pathways so that they gain knowledge from diverse disciplines. Students can also take an additional major / minors / electives to further enhance their interdisciplinary.

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**Impact**

**Interdisciplinary Core Courses**
- Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

**Tailor-made Internship**

**Capstone Project**

**BASc Core Courses**
- 1) Foundations of Human Knowledge
- 2) Basic Programming and Computer Software Skills
- 3) Leadership Beyond Borders

**Language Enhancement Courses**

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**BASc Suggested Study Pathway**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Common Core Courses</th>
<th>Language Courses</th>
<th>BASc Core Courses</th>
<th>Courses from Interdisciplinary Studies Major and Two Pathways</th>
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JUPAS Code: 6212
Bachelor of Social Sciences
[BSoCSc]
社會科學學士

JUPAS Code: 6717

Students in this BSoCSc curriculum may choose to major in one of the six core disciplines: China Studies, Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Psychology, Social Policy and Social Development, and Sociology. Students may also opt for a double major in multidisciplinary options such as Cognitive Science, Counselling, Criminology, Media and Culture Studies, Neuroscience, Urban Governance as well as majors offered by other Faculties of the University. Students can choose to combine a major with one or two minors.

The BSoCSc curriculum requires all students, as a condition of graduation, to undertake 24 credits (equivalent to 4 courses) of off-campus learning under the twin themes: Social Innovation (12 credits) and Global Citizenship (12 credits).

Major and minor programmes with BSoCSc

- Disciplinary majors* offered by Social Sciences
- Multi-disciplinary majors* offered by Social Sciences
- Minors offered by Social Sciences

Students may also opt for major/minor programmes offered by other Faculties including:

- Architecture
- Arts
- Business & Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Medicine
- Science

* All major programmes offer a minor option for students.
* Jointly offered by the faculties of Social Sciences and Arts.

BSoCSc Suggested Study Pathway

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<th>Year</th>
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*Students who major in Psychology are required to take 24 credits of introductory courses and 48 credits of advanced courses.
Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws [BSocSc(G&L)&LLB]

社會科學學士 (政治學與法學)及法學士 (雙學位課程)  

JUPAS Code: 6810

Jointly offered by the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Faculty of Law, the 5-year programme enables students to study two curricula and be awarded two degrees upon completion. The curriculum consists of a combination of Social Sciences and Law courses. Satisfactory completion of five years in the programme leads to the award of the degrees of Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB). Students may also choose at the end of the second year to exit with only a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) upon completion of the fourth year of study. The study of the fifth year for the two degrees is on a self-funded basis and the tuition fee is set at a higher level.

BSocSc(G&L) & LLB Suggested Study Pathway

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Bachelor of Social Work
[BSW]

The BSW curriculum covers various disciplines, including social welfare and social policy, specialised social work theory and practice, human behaviour and social environment, social research, law, sociology, and psychology. In the second and third years of study, students are required to complete two skills laboratory courses and two theory courses – all of which adopt the problem-based learning model. Students will have a field work placement arranged by the Department in the summer between the third and fourth year of the curriculum. The placement, which lasts for ten weeks, takes place in local or overseas agencies under professional supervision. There is a second placement in the fourth year of study. On successful completion of the curriculum, students are eligible to apply for registration as Registered Social Workers with the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board.

BSW Suggested Study Pathway

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Bachelor of Journalism

The Bachelor of Journalism is a communications-focused double-major curriculum for a digital age. Students use the journalism component of the curriculum to build critical thinking and communications skills across multiple media. By the end of the four-year curriculum, they will be able to produce accurate and deeply researched written work on a variety of subjects, shoot and edit compelling video documentaries, and create data-driven online journalism.

In their second year, each student will choose another academic major to combine with the journalism component, thus creating a bespoke degree that will allow them to explore fully their unique intellectual interests. Throughout the curriculum, the emphasis is on experiential real-world learning. All students will complete at least one summer internship at a media publication or other communications-focused organisation.

A diverse faculty and student body ensure a lively learning environment that feeds students' curiosity about the world. Class size is kept small to foster classroom discussion as well as the family feeling that makes the Journalism and Media Studies Centre a very special place at HKU.

### BJ Suggested Study Pathway

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*If the chosen second major requires lesser credits, students may spend the remaining credits for Free Electives.
Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Social Sciences [BEd & BSocSc]

The double degree of BEd&BSocSc offers a qualification equivalent to a four-year honours degree in Social Sciences plus a one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Education. Students may major in one of the six core areas in Social Sciences: China Studies, Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Psychology, Social Policy and Social Development, and Sociology. The curriculum is designed for students to complete two degrees in five years.

This double degree gives students a more integrated experience in Social Sciences and Liberal Studies education, allowing broader career prospects.

BEd & BSocSc Suggested Study Pathway

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<th>Year</th>
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*Practicums are included.
SOCIAL INNOVATION AND

12 credits

1-year 3 Campus East Asia Programme

Service Leadership Internship (summer)
OR
Local Internship (term-time or summer)
OR
Non-local Internship (summer)

Graduation Requirements

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<td>BSW</td>
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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

24 CREDITS

12 credits

in Tokyo, Seoul and Hong Kong

# Upon successful completion of the 3 Campus East Asia Programme, students can fulfill BOTH Social Innovation and Global Citizenship requirements.

OR

University/Faculty/Departmental-level Exchange Programme

Non-local Internship (summer)

Globalink Research Internship

The Laidlaw Scholar Programme*

*for students who will undertake internship in UK universities

For more information, please visit the Faculty’s Social Innovation and Global Citizenship website: www.socsc.hku.hk/sigc.
The 3 Campus East Asia is an initiative jointly launched by:

- Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong
- International Centre, Keio University, Japan
- Underwood International College, Yonsei University, South Korea

Under this Programme, each institution selects a maximum of 5 second-year students to undertake one year of study at the 3 campuses, spreading across 3 semesters. Students will be on regular semester exchange in Japan/ South Korea/ Hong Kong in the first two semesters, and undertake a summer semester at one of the 3 campuses.

Students from renowned overseas universities, such as Cornell University, Georgetown University, King’s College London, Princeton University, University of Geneva and University of Southern California, etc., will also join the 3 Campus Programme, which offers an invaluable opportunity to students in establishing worldwide network with outstanding students from top universities around the world.
Dual Degrees
HKU-Sciences Po
Undergraduate Dual Degree

This 4-year dual degree programme will give students two Bachelor’s degrees from two highly respected international universities – one from Europe – Sciences Po – and one from Asia – HKU. Students will spend the first two years in France and the third and fourth years in Hong Kong.

The learning experience at Sciences Po not only facilitates students’ understanding of, and builds bridges between, Asia and Europe, but also enhances their international exposures further with multinational companies.

HKU-UC Berkeley
Undergraduate Dual Degree

Students, upon successful completion of this 4-year dual degree programme, will earn two Bachelor’s degrees – one from USA – UC Berkeley – and one from Asia – HKU. By spending the first two years at HKU and the third and fourth years at UC Berkeley, students shall obtain a Bachelor of Social Sciences from HKU, and a Bachelor of Arts from UC Berkeley.

Students will complete most of the compulsory courses of the major at HKU. They will also have to take disciplinary electives, and/or to pursue a second major or minor, plus free electives, at UC Berkeley.
In collaboration with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva (Geneva), the Faculty offers a concurrent degree “Bachelor of Social Sciences + Master of Arts” to BScSc students. Students will complete 3 years of study at HKU and apply to Geneva for admission to one of their designated MA programmes.

On admission, students will complete their HKU 4th year of study in Geneva by taking graduate-level courses at the Graduate Institute, the credits of which will be transferred back to the HKU BScSc degree. After successfully completing their 4th year of study in Geneva, students may obtain the BScSc degree from HKU and stay on for an additional year to obtain an MA degree from Geneva. The learning experience at the Graduate Institute, which includes an optional internship in one of the 40 international organisations based in Geneva, will facilitate graduates to embark on careers in one of these organisations, such as UN Offices, WTO, and organisations in labour, telecommunications, human rights, HIV/AIDS, etc.

*Anthropology and Sociology or International Economics or International History or International Law or International Relations/Political Science or International Affairs or Development Studies

http://www.socsc.hku.hk/hku-geneva.html
CAREER PROSPECTS

The Faculty aims at educating talented young leaders with personal attributes that are valued by employers. Graduates are well equipped to pursue careers in government, politics, public corporations, community organisations, media, and the private sector. Career prospects are promising for social sciences graduates, and this is fully reflected in the outstanding achievements of our alumni in various sectors of the society. Graduates who choose to further studies are often accepted to highly competitive programmes with scholarships by internationally renowned universities.

Graduates from the BSW curriculum are qualified for registration as Registered Social Workers with the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board. They are also competent to work as professional social workers in government or non-governmental organisations.
**Employment Sectors in 2018**

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<td>15%</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>27%</td>
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<td>19%</td>
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

JUPAS

- Bachelor of Arts and Sciences
- Bachelor of Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government & Laws) and Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Journalism
- Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Social Sciences

To satisfy the minimum entrance requirements of the University, applicants should achieve the following in Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE):

- Level 3 or above in English Language;
- Level 3 or above in Chinese Language;
- Level 2 or above in Mathematics;
- Level 2 or above in Liberal Studies; and
- Level 3 or above in Two Elective Subjects.

How to apply

If you wish to apply for admission on the strength of your HKDSE qualifications, you should make your application through the Joint University Programmes Admissions Systems (JUPAS). Please refer to the JUPAS Guide for information on application procedures.

Explanatory notes:

- ‘Attained with Distinction’ obtained prior to 2018, or ‘Attained with Distinction (I)’ or ‘Attained with Distinction (II)’ obtained in or after 2018, in Applied Learning subjects (other than Applied Learning Chinese) will be used as additional supporting information. In the meantime, student learning experiences in Applied Learning subjects may be considered within the context of other learning experiences in their application.
- Other Language subjects will be used as unspecified elective subjects. The minimum requirement is Grade E.
- There is no additional requirement other than the University’s minimum entrance requirements for 6195 Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Social Sciences, 6822 Bachelor of Journalism, 6717 Bachelor of Social Sciences and 6731 Bachelor of Social Work.
- 6212 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences requires Level 5 in English Language, and Level 3 or above in Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics is preferred (but not required). Candidates with level 4 in English Language and good results in other subjects will be exceptionally considered on a case-by-case basis. If these candidates are admitted, they will be required to take 6 additional credits in University English to complete their degree studies.
- 6810 Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws requires Level 5 and Level 4 or above for the English Language and Chinese Language respectively, and Level 3 or above in Mathematics Compulsory Part and Liberal Studies.
- The Faculty accepts combined certificates of HKDSE with no penalty. The best attempt of HKDSE subjects within latest 2 years (i.e. 2019 and/or 2020) will be counted.
NON-JUPAS

The Faculty welcomes applications for undergraduate admissions through the Non-JUPAS Admissions Scheme from candidates who come from non-mainstream schools in Hong Kong and are applying for admission on the strength of qualifications other than the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education.

Due to the differences in educational systems, school-leaving qualifications for entry to universities abroad may not necessarily be accepted by HKU. Details of the general university entrance requirements in respect of qualifications from different countries, please refer to http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions. Students may contact admissions@hku.hk for advice on eligibility for HKU undergraduate admission.

Please note that admission is on a competitive basis. There are no fixed quotas for non-JUPAS applicants, the number of students admitted may vary every year. Candidates having satisfied the minimum entrance requirements do not necessarily guarantee admission to the University.

How to apply

Applicants should submit their online applications via http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions.

JUPAS and Non-JUPAS Enquiries

Admissions Office: G14, Ground Floor, Main Building
The University of Hong Kong

Telephone: (852) 3917 5886

Enquiries:
Local students
http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions/local/contact-us

International students
http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions/international/contact-us

Mainland students
http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions/mainland/contact-us
Tuition fee

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

**Tuition fee**
The tentative annual tuition fee for intake in the academic year 2020-2021 are HK$42,100 and HK$171,000 for local and non-local students respectively.

**Scholarships**
HKU offers entrance scholarships to prospective outstanding local and non-local candidates who are planning to pursue full-time undergraduate studies. Please visit the Admissions and Academic Liaison Section of the Registry at [https://aal.hku.hk/admissions/](https://aal.hku.hk/admissions/) for the eligibility and selection criteria. Once admitted to HKU, students may also apply for the merit-based scholarships and also enrichment scholarships for their overseas learning experiences. The list of award schemes are available on the Scholarships Office website at [https://www.scholarships.hku.hk](https://www.scholarships.hku.hk).

**Financial Assistance**
Local students with financial needs are eligible to apply for the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme (TSFS) offered by the HKSAR Government. Please visit the website of Student Finance Office, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency at [https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo](https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo) for guidelines and details. Supplementing the Government financial assistance schemes, there are a number of bursaries and interest-free loans managed by HKU to assist students with financial hardship. Information can be obtained from the website of Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) at [https://www.cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/finances/ufa](https://www.cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/finances/ufa).

**Explanatory notes:**
According to the definition by the HKSAR Government adopted for education-related areas in the post-secondary education context, non-local students are students holding:

- student visa / entry permit to study in Hong Kong
- dependent visa / entry permit and were aged 18 years old or above when they were first issued with such documents by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR
- visa / entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG), issued by the Director of Immigration of the Hong Kong Immigration Department
Generic Components of the Undergraduate Curricula

To graduate with the undergraduate degree, students are required to complete 24 to 36 credits of Common Core Curriculum courses and 12 to 18 credits of Language Enhancement courses in Chinese and English as stipulated in the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.

Common Core Curriculum
The Common Core Curriculum is a series of interdisciplinary organised courses that aims to develop students with a broader perspective of the complexities and the interconnectedness of the issues in everyday lives; to cultivate students' appreciation of cultures; to enable students to see themselves as members of global and play an active role as responsible individuals and citizens; also to enable students to develop the key intellectual skills that will be further enhanced in their disciplinary studies. The Common Core Curriculum is divided into four Areas of Inquiry (AoI): Scientific and Technological Literacy, Humanities, Global Issues and China: Culture, State and Society. All of them are organised around active learning and learning by doing.

English Language Enhancement Courses
English Language Enhancement courses include a 6-credit of Core University English and a 6-credit of English-in-the-Discipline. The courses aim to equip students with essential English language skills required for academic writing and speaking in the University.

Chinese Language Enhancement Courses
Students can choose to take one Chinese Language Enhancement course out of three courses that are designed for Cantonese, Mandarin and non-Cantonese speakers to cater the specific needs of students from different backgrounds. The courses aim to train students to be effective communicators and life-long learners as well as to equip them for future careers.