

Undergraduate Prospectus 2023-24

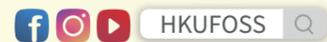


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The flexibility to choose courses from a variety of topics allows me to understand the impacts of urban growth of contemporary societies from an interdisciplinary perspective. After graduation, I hope to further my studies in urban planning and to implement innovative solutions to transform Hong Kong into a vibrant and livable city, where everyone is happy to reside in.



Miss POON Kylie Yuet Ning
BSocSc 2022 graduate



I completed my Social Innovation internship at Inner Edge, a local sports psychology consulting company. It has provided me with a very precious chance to learn practical skills and how to integrate what I've learnt in the classrooms with real-world settings, preparing me for future careers.



Mr LEUNG Yat Sing
BSocSc IV



Voices))) from our Sociologist



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The dual degree programme was highly multicultural environment and fundamental for my admission. There are very few opportunities in higher education, giving you the time to reflect on who you truly want to become, cumulating academic and professional experiences as well as studying in two fascinating places between Europe and Asia.

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Mr PRUNIER Maxime Jean-emmanuel
HKU Sciences Po Dual Degree 2018 graduate



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BSocSc offers us a high level of freedom regarding our academic choices and provides us with rich experiential learning opportunities including overseas exchange and internships under the two themes of Social Innovation and Global Citizenship. The flexible programme structure allows us to decide which discipline we wish to major in after we try out different subjects/ disciplines during the first year.

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Miss TIN Tsz Huen Charis
BSocSc 2021 graduate



Faculty's Vision & 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.

Dean's Message

It is my pleasure to extend my hearty welcome to you all to the Faculty of Social Sciences at The University of Hong Kong. You should be proud of your hard work and perseverance in overcoming obstacles and challenges in high school. The past years, by any measure, have been among the most challenging years in Hong Kong, the region, and, perhaps, the world. Remind yourself of the courage and strength it took you to cope with these difficulties on your journey to pursue a college education. Remember you are not alone, you can be an inspiration to others, and you are here to find your passion, make lifelong friends, and acquire essential life skills that will benefit you throughout your life.

Choosing what to study at the University is a challenging yet stimulating process, in which you can learn about what kind of person you are, how you want to create your future, and what is the right fit for your interests and abilities. I am beyond delighted that you will choose to pursue your bachelor's degree at our Faculty.

Social Sciences are all about humans and societies; we are dedicated to offering ample opportunities to study about the day-to-day issues around us. For example, you can learn about the development of cities' infrastructure through **Geography**; international relations and how the political systems work through **Politics and Public Administration**; human minds, behaviours and cognition through **Psychology**; social issues and the development strategies of social policies through **Social Work and Social Administration**; population dynamics and cultural identity in different communities under globalisation through **Sociology**; and the evolution of new media technologies through **Journalism and Media Studies**.

Another feature of our curricula emphasises **experiential learning**, bringing together our students and community partners to collectively work on real-world problems. All our students will have chances to gain off-campus experiences both locally and internationally, such that they get a different perspective to create innovative solutions to tackle social problems. We are also committed to nurturing **global citizens** with strong values of inclusiveness who can make a positive impact on the world.

The Faculty of Social Sciences is always a cradle to nurture a new generation of leaders with social innovation and entrepreneurship. Our graduates have promising careers after graduation in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. I sincerely hope to have you join us to experience and explore for yourselves the meaningful and enriching opportunities at our Faculty and HKU. I look forward to meeting you all on campus soon.



Professor Ming Wen



Faculty Student Ambassadors Scheme

The Student Ambassadors Scheme aims to provide an exclusive opportunity to enrich students' campus life, develop their skills and extend connection with a variety of professionals, academia and peers.

Student Ambassadors will be invited to take part in major events organised by the Faculty, serving as representatives of the Faculty to share their exciting and rewarding experience to guests, peers, prospective students and international students in the role of Faculty Student Advisers and/or Buddy Mentors, as well as provide support to Faculty's campus activities, such as Information Day, Student Prize Presentation Ceremony and Congregation, etc.

All full-time social sciences undergraduate students are welcome to join. Newly registered Student Ambassadors will receive a little welcome pack containing surprise gifts. In addition to a Certificate of Appreciation, the Faculty will keep a tier point system to recognise student ambassadors' efforts and participation. They will have the opportunity to receive more surprise gifts once they have accumulated certain tier points. The top tier "prize" would be a gathering with the Deanery and a featured article in the Faculty's newsletter "Societist".

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Campus Facilities

Libraries

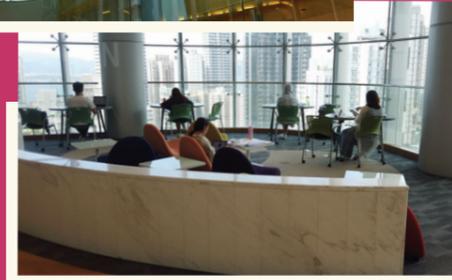
The HKU Libraries offer a conducive environment for study, research, and knowledge exchange. The Libraries consist of the Main Library and six specialist branch libraries. Besides offering a congenial environment for study and research, the Libraries also provide a wide range of information resources including a comprehensive collection of books, journals, audio-visual materials and a rapidly expanding collection of article databases, e-books, e-journals and e-news.



Learning Commons

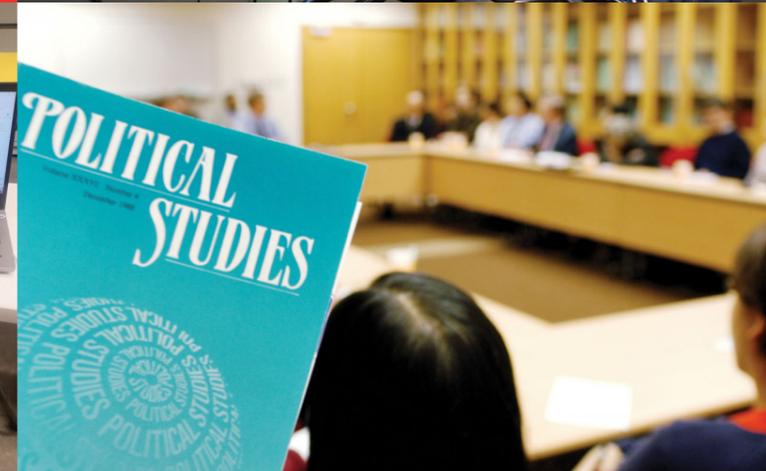
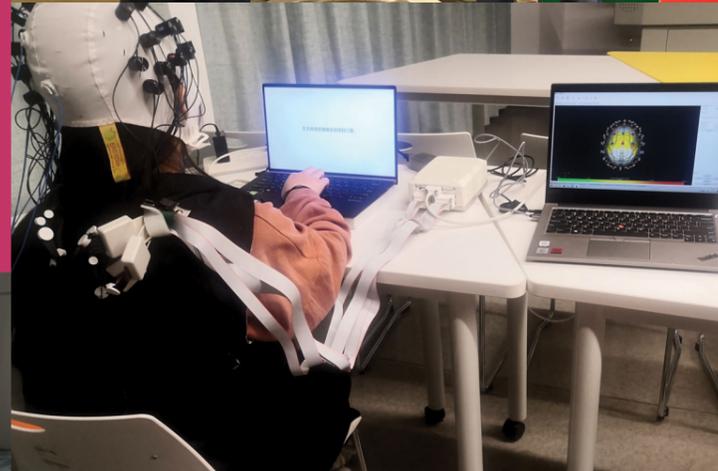
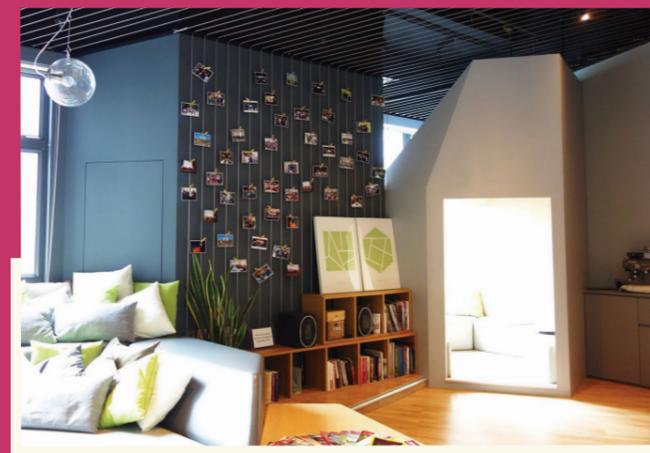
The Learning Commons is a campus hub equipped with comfortable learning environment and modern learning facilities that encourages and facilitates individual and group study. Students are provided with a variety of spaces for individual or collaborative learning activities. Essential services, such as printing, copying and scanning, are also made available at Learning Commons.

A Student Advisory Services Zone is set up in the Chi Wah Learning Commons where students may seek advice from a number of HKU departments.



Residential Halls and Colleges

HKU has 17 residential halls and residential colleges, which are situated on the Main Campus, on Pokfulam Road, Sassoon Road and Lung Wah Street. Each hall has its own tradition, history, culture and unique characteristics. Residential hall life is a part of Whole Person Education of the University. Students can learn to be independent, and are given the chance to interact closely with people from different cultural backgrounds.



Departments





Geography

The Department of Geography is the first and foremost geography department in Hong Kong. Since its inception, the Department has trained nearly 3,500 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.



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.

Tuition Fees, Scholarships, Financial Assistance

Tuition Fees

The tentative annual tuition fees for intake of the academic year 2023-2024 are HK\$42,100 and HK\$182,000 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 www.admissions.hku.hk 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 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 the Student Finance Office, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency at 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 the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) at 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 Immigration Department of the HKSAR.





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 HKDSE.

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 www.admissions.hku.hk.

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

Admissions Enquiry

Admissions Office: MG14, Ground Floor, Main Building,
The University of Hong Kong

Telephone: (852) 3917 5886

Enquiries: www.admissions.hku.hk/contact-us

Politics and Public Administration

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.

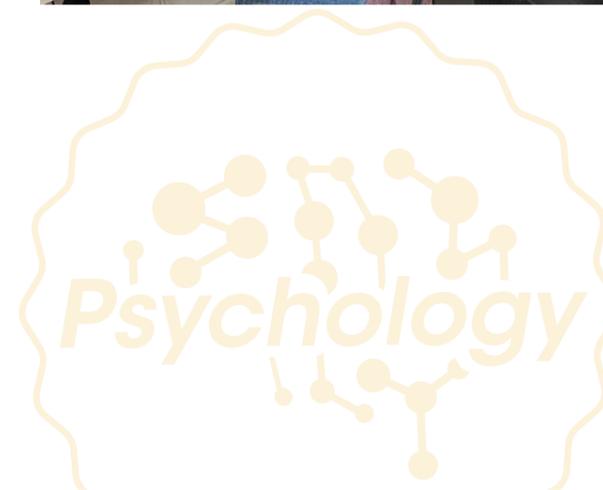
Students are exposed to basic concepts and general features of political systems, as well as the organisation and functions of government. The specialist streams comprise comparative politics, international politics, political theory and ethics, and public administration.



Psychology

The Department of Psychology is the oldest department of psychology in Hong Kong, and has been consistently ranked as one of the best in Asia. Our multi-disciplinary Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Programmes are both the first of its kind in Hong Kong.

Through our programme, students gain a broad knowledge of psychology, learn applicable research skills, and have opportunities to pursue specialised interests. Our courses are taught by experts in their fields, and span a wide range of areas in psychology. Students also receive training in research methods, and have opportunities to gain research experience in one of the many cutting-edge laboratories in the department, such as research internships and 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.



Sociology

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.



Admissions Requirements

JUPAS

6212 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences	6731 Bachelor of Social Work
6705 Bachelor of Psychology	6810 Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws
6717 Bachelor of Social Sciences	6822 Bachelor of Journalism

University Entrance Requirements

English Language Level 3	Chinese Language Level 3	Mathematics Level 2	Liberal Studies Level 2	Elective Subject 1 Level 3	Elective Subject 2 Level 3
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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.

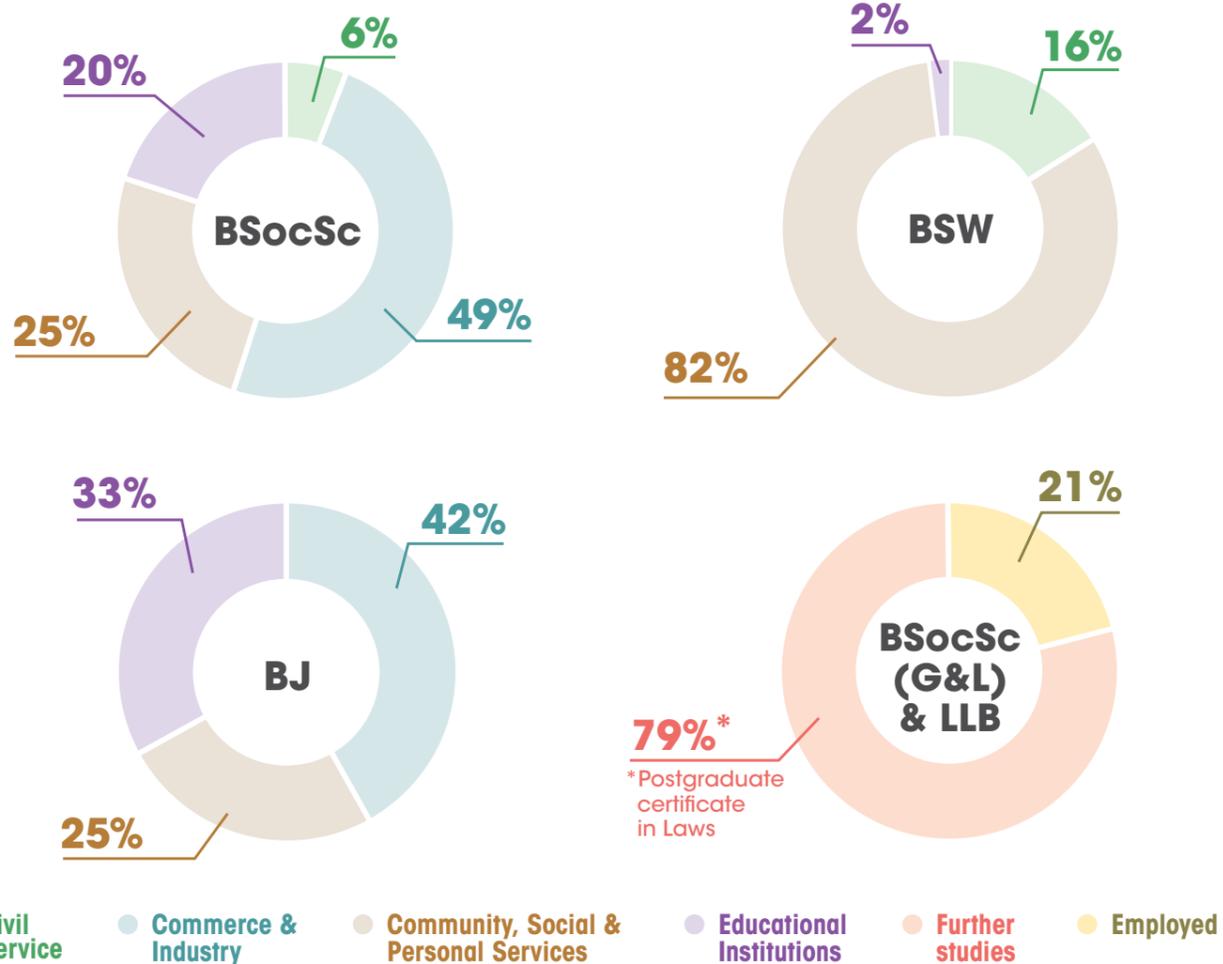
Explanatory Notes

- The Faculty recognises Best 5 subjects in Category A or C in HKDSE.
- The result of the Mathematics Extended Part (Modules 1 or 2) will be recognised as equivalent to that of a full elective in fulfilling the University Entrance Requirement on the condition that one of the elective subjects must be a Senior Secondary Subject (i.e. Category A Subject).
- Other Language subjects will be used as unspecified elective subjects. The minimum requirement is Grade E.
- 6212 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences requires Level 5 in English Language, and a 1.5 subject weighting will be given to English Language. 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 Core 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 in 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. 2022 and/or 2023) will be counted.

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 institutions.

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.



Source: Graduate Employment Survey 2021

Curricula



Generic Components of the Undergraduate Curricula

At HKU, 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 in order to graduate.



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, and 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.



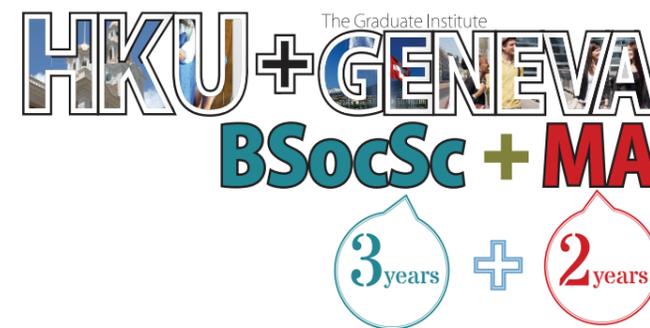
English Language Enhancement Courses

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.



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 BSocSc students. Students will complete 3 years of study at HKU and apply to Geneva for admission to one of their designated MA programme*.

On admission, students will complete their HKU 4th year of study in Geneva by taking graduate-level courses at Geneva, the credits of which will be transferred back to the HKU BSocSc degree. After successfully completing their 4th year of study in Geneva, students may obtain the BSocSc degree from HKU and stay on for an additional year to obtain an MA degree from Geneva. The learning experience at Geneva, 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 and Politics or International Law or International Relations/Political Science or Development Studies*



Find Out More

www.socsc.hku.hk/hku-geneva.html



Dual Degree Programmes



HKU-Sciences Po

This 4-year undergraduate 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.

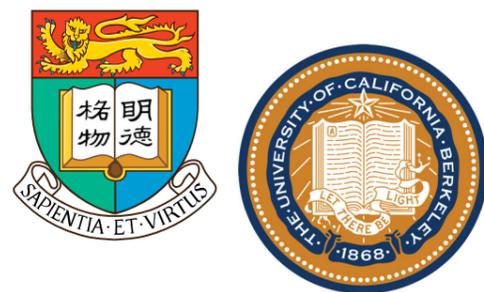


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www.socsc.hku.hk/hku-sciences-po.html



HKU-UC Berkeley



Students, upon successful completion of this 4-year undergraduate dual degree programme, will earn two Bachelor's degrees – one from USA – 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.



Find Out More

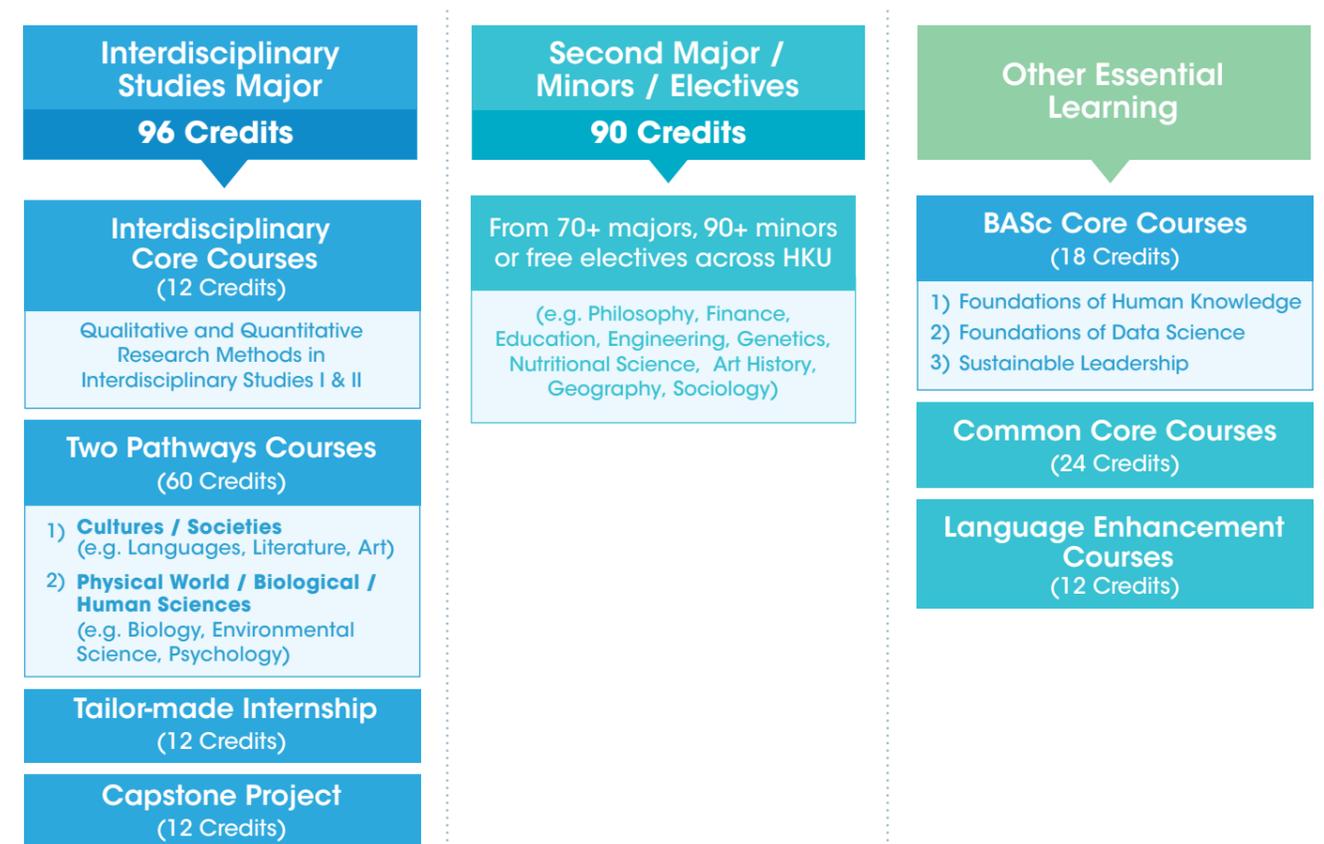
www.socsc.hku.hk/hku-ucberkeley.html



JUPAS Code: 6212 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences 文理學士

The BASc curriculum equips students with an 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 interdisciplinarity.



Curriculum Structure

Common Core Courses	24 Credits
Language Courses	12 Credits
BASc Core Courses	18 Credits
Interdisciplinary Studies and two pathways Courses	84 Credits
Social Innovation	12 Credits
Free electives/Other major or minor	90 Credits
Total	240 Credits



JUPAS Code: 6705
Bachelor of Psychology
 心理學學士

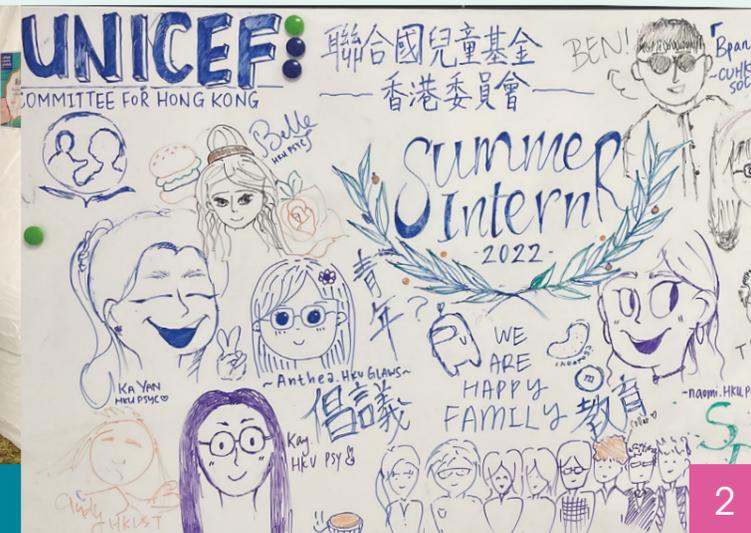
The BPsych curriculum puts great emphasis on enhancing students' understanding of psychological phenomenon and principles through first-hand practical experience, applying knowledge and skills to real-life situations, and research-intensive learning. Students will be equipped with basic skills across all areas of Psychology, including the biological and cognitive bases of behaviour, developmental changes, social influence, and contemporary issues. Through the comprehensive training, students' skills in critical analysis, reasoning, and self-reflection can be developed.

The curriculum provides an internationally-recognised qualification in fundamental aspects of Psychology that allows students to pursue both professional training in applied aspects of Psychology (e.g. Educational Psychology or Clinical Psychology), and advanced research training in all related research areas of Psychology, including Cognitive Science and Neuroscience.

Curriculum Structure

Common Core Courses	36 Credits
Language Courses	18 Credits
Major in Psychology	84 Credits
Social Innovation & Global Citizenship	24 Credits
Free electives/Other major or minor	78 Credits

Total **240 Credits**



From Students

SIGC Sharing

1 BONECA Hugo | BSocSc IV
Human Rights League Slovakia/
Liga za ljudske prava

The internship enabled me to witness first-hand the work of lawyers and the legal work challenges faced by NGOs. Although I was given secondary responsibilities only, my ability to get involved with a variety of NGO-led activities not only gave me an overview of all the necessary work but also helped me understand all the main operational issues that NGOs encounter.

2 SINN Cheuk Yiu | BSocSc III
Hong Kong Committee for
UNICEF

Two months passed like a blink of an eye. On our last day at UNICEF HK, we drew a picture of ourselves on the whiteboard, commemorating our collaborative internship experience there, which was fruitful and joyful.

3 LAM Pui Ka | BSocSc IV
Fullness Social Enterprises
Society (FSES)

My expectation for my first internship was the courage to grow. And I did grow by voicing my opinions loudly and sharing them with others. It was a treasured experience as it broadened my vision.

4 LIN Shitong | BSocSc (2021)
KPMG (SH)

We gave a financial quotient lecture to the children of migrant workers, and they were very active in class. I was surprised that they had some financial knowledge than I did not have when I was in primary school.

5 LEE Chun Yiu | BSocSc IV
MTR Corporation

My general manager Olivia discussed my future career paths with me, and I'm glad that she provided me with lots of useful tips and suggestions.

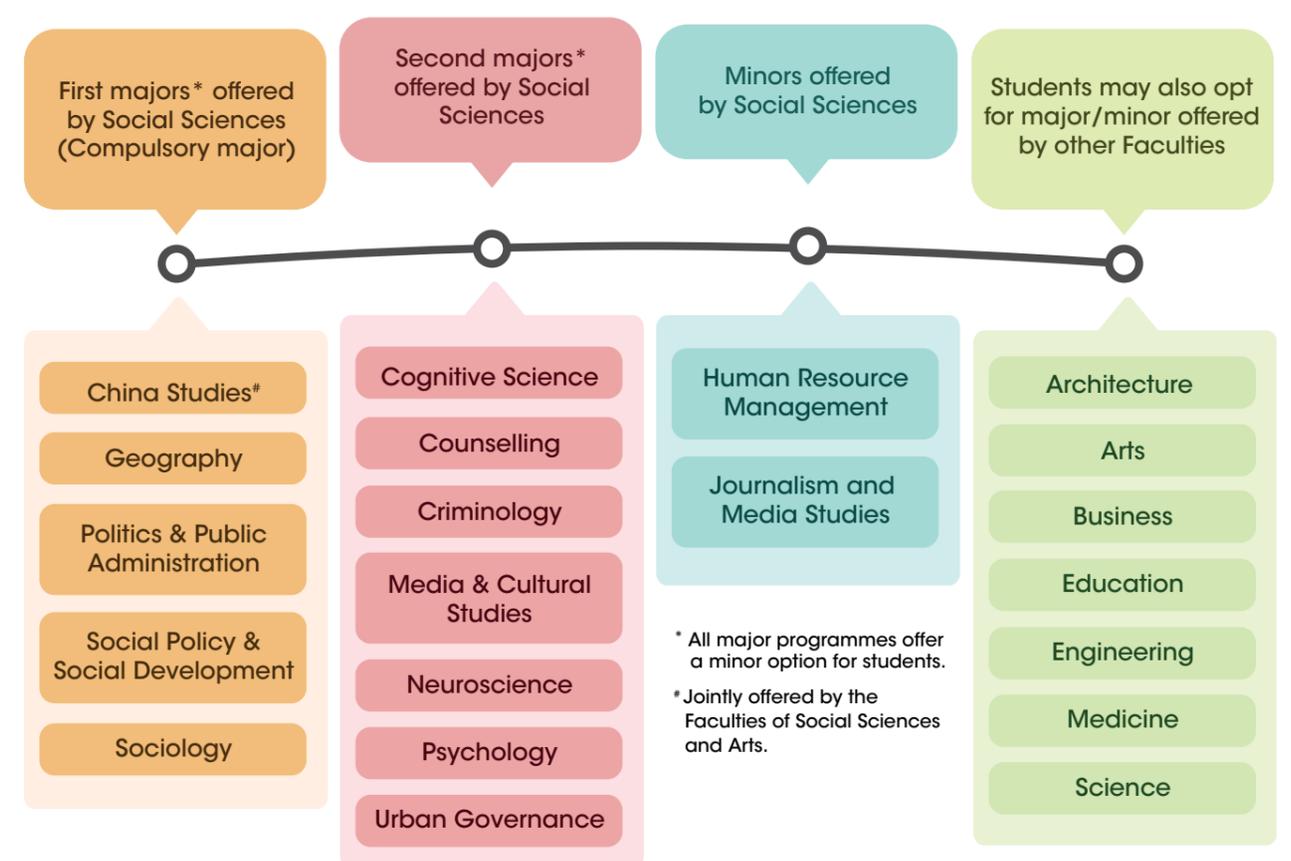
6 TSUI Tsz Mak | BSocSc IV
Fair Employment Agency

The FEA staff gave me friendly and sincere blessings on my last day at FEA, even though I was just an intern. This reveals the kind and warm-hearted culture of FEA.

JUPAS Code: 6717 Bachelor of Social Sciences 社會科學學士

Students in this BSocSc curriculum may choose to major in one of the five core disciplines: China Studies, Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Social Policy and Social Development, and Sociology. Students may also opt for a double major in second options such as Psychology, Cognitive Science, Counselling, Criminology, Media and Culture Studies, Neuroscience, and 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 off-campus learning under the twin themes: **Social Innovation (12 credits)** and **Global Citizenship (12 credits)**.



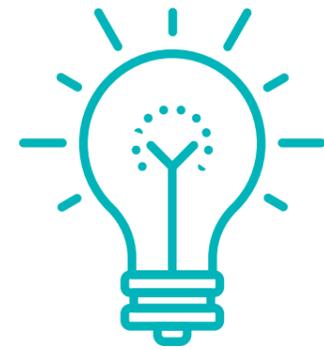
Curriculum Structure

Common Core Courses	36 Credits
Language Courses	18 Credits
First Major	72 Credits
Social Innovation & Global Citizenship	24 Credits
Free electives/Other major or minor	90 Credits

Total **240 Credits**



BSocSc First Majors



Flexible!

✓ Free choice

✓ No quota

✓ No selection

Students are offered great flexibility to explore their academic interests during the first year of studies by taking different social sciences introductory courses. Starting from the second year of studies, students may declare one of the following five majors as their first major and further study on the selected discipline.



China Studies

Jointly organised by Social Sciences and Arts, the programme addresses the growing interest in the study of Greater China from a multi-disciplinary approach. Wide range of courses are offered to introduce China's political, economical, social, and cultural traits in the past and present. The major also offers experiential learning opportunities and exchanges that focus on China Studies on the Mainland, Taiwan, or any China Studies centre overseas.

From Community Partners

SIGC Sharing



JEMS Character Academy

From stage/sound management to partnering with primary school students to ensure their booth presentations were smooth, our HKU interns were integral to the success of our annual Make-A-Difference crowdfunding fair. We value their help and contribution, and we are happy to have had them on our team even just for a brief stint.



Oxfam Hong Kong

Student interns at Oxfam Hong Kong had the opportunity to engage in different activities, including interactive workshops and the Hong Kong Book Fair. The students and the Oxfam staff shared valuable time together.



Race for Education Accessibilities for Every Child (REACH)

The student interns had the opportunity to work on different aspects of an education charity during their summer internship at REACH. They participated in various activities, such as taking part in parents' talks and designing and planning booth games. We hope they enjoyed this experience as much as we did!



Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor

This internship programme enables students to gain deeper insights into our society and its issues from first-hand experience. Our community can also benefit from more human capital for its transformation. We hope that we can keep our collaborations with the Faculty and the students via the internship programme.



Geography

Geography is a diverse discipline that involves both natural and social sciences with a focus on the major issues facing societies in a rapidly changing world. This major provides students with an understanding of the relationships between people and the natural environment, how these relationships have changed with space and over time, and the role of geography in the issues and problems facing people, places and society.



Politics and Public Administration

This major aims to provide students with basic knowledge in political science and public administration and to develop students' ability in critical analysis of complex political issues in the real world. Students may choose to specialise in one of the following four streams: Comparative Politics, International Politics, Political Theory and Ethics and Public Administration.



Social Policy and Social Development

This major aims to build students' competency to become change agents in the society and their communities. Students are exposed to contemporary social development issues and social policy responses to these issues in the local and global contexts. Students are equipped to be competent to work in non-profit, for-profit, and social enterprise sectors for social changes and to be innovators in these sectors.



Sociology

This major seeks to nurture students to become knowledgeable, critical and caring members of society. The programme offers students a solid foundation in Sociology. Its wide ranging course offerings also allow students to examine in a more concentrated manner a number of specialist areas within the discipline, including media and culture, cultural heritage, and criminology.

Student Exchange Programmes

The University offers different exchange opportunities to all full-time undergraduate students with outstanding academic performance and good standing. Through student exchange programmes, HKU students will study at partner institutions for one semester or one academic year to get a taste of studying abroad.

Students may also apply for credit transfer in order to fulfil the degree requirements at HKU. Scholarships and sponsorships will be provided to students according to their academic standing and financial needs.

On top of the University-level exchange programmes, the Faculty has also established connections with the following internationally renowned universities to broaden students' horizon and facilitate cultural exchange:





JUPAS Code: 6731

Bachelor of Social Work

社會工作學學士

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, students are required to complete two skills laboratory courses and two theory courses – all of which adopt the problem-based learning model. Students will then be arranged to undertake two field work placements in local or overseas agencies under professional supervision in the third and fourth years. Students are eligible to register as Registered Social Workers with the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board upon successful completion of the curriculum.

Curriculum Structure

Common Core Courses	36 Credits
Language Courses	18 Credits
Social Work Professional Core (including two placements)	150 Credits
Free electives	36 Credits
Total	240 Credits

Internship Programmes

The Internship Programmes are specially designed to encourage students to maximise their full potential by going beyond the confines of the campus, their academic discipline and geographical boundaries.

Placement-based Internships

Placement-based Internships offer students the off-campus work-integrated learning opportunities locally and abroad at various kinds of organisations, including NGOs, social enterprises, think-tanks, start-ups, business corporations and etc. for a variety of posts and topics ranging from education and communication to research and community services.

Project-based Internships

The specialised project-based internships cover a range of theme-based projects with the aim to expand students' social awareness through working with Community Partners.

Community-engaged Research Internships

Students can gain hands-on experience on selected research projects with Community Partners to address real problems confronting society.

Social Innovator

Students can learn the entrepreneurial process and to create out-of-the-box solutions with first-hand experience working in innovative social enterprises.

Service Learning in China

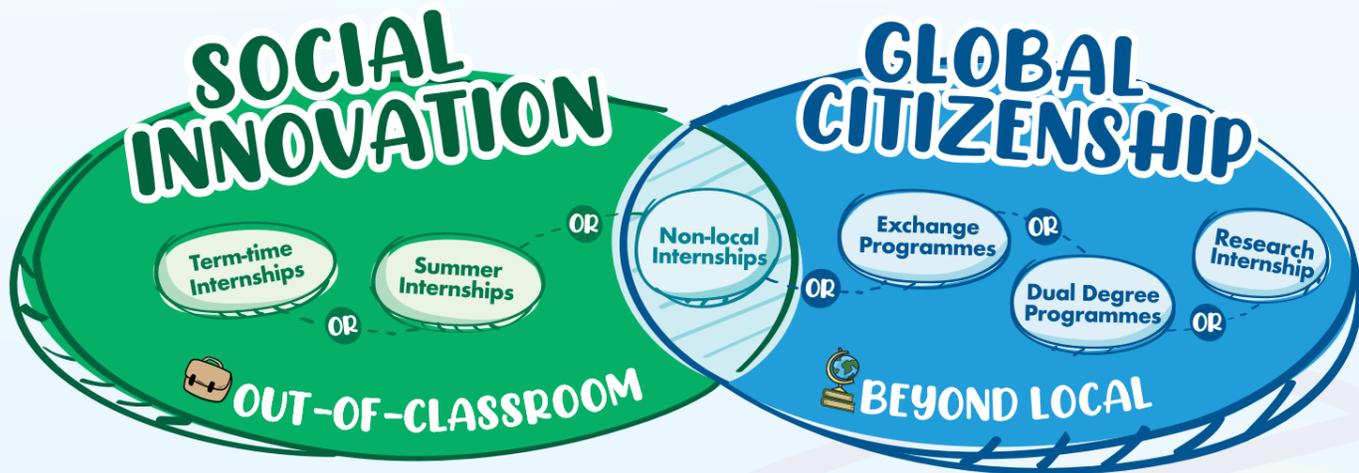
Students can generate innovative solutions to authentic problems through implementing projects or service tasks for Community Partners in the mainland China.

Some Internship Community Partners:



SIGGC OPTIONS

24 credits



Graduation Requirements

Curriculum	Social Innovation (12 credits)	Global Citizenship (12 credits)
BASc	✓	
BPsych	✓	AND ✓
BSocSc	✓	AND ✓
BSW	Nil (Free Electives)	
BSocSc (G&L) & LLB	✓	OR ✓
BJ		✓

For more information, please visit the Faculty's Social Innovation and Global Citizenship website: www.socsc.hku.hk/sigc.



JUPAS Code: 6810

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws

社會科學學士(政治學與法學) 及 法學士

Jointly offered by the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Faculty of Law, the 5-year curriculum enables students to study two programmes and be awarded two degrees upon completion. The curriculum consists of a combination of Social Sciences and Law courses.

Satisfactory completion of five years leads to the award of the degrees of Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB). Students may also opt out 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.

Curriculum Structure

Common Core Courses	24 Credits
Language Courses	12 Credits
PPA / Social Sciences Courses	84 Credits
Law Professional Core	156 Credits
Social Innovation or Global Citizenship	12 Credits
Free electives	12 Credits

Total **300 Credits**



JUPAS Code: 6822

Bachelor of Journalism

新聞學學士

BJ 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. A diverse faculty and student body ensure a lively learning environment that feeds students' curiosity about the world.

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.

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.

Curriculum Structure

Common Core Courses	36 Credits
Language Courses	18 Credits
Major in Journalism	72 Credits
JMSC Internship	12 Credits
Global Citizenship	12 Credits
Second Major and free electives	90 Credits
Total 240 Credits	

Social Innovation & Global Citizenship

