Bachelor of Social Sciences in International Relations and Global Affairs*

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Target

This major explores Asia’s place in the contemporary world and Hong Kong’s strategic positioning in the region and the world. It aims to develop students’ knowledge of socio-political, economic, and cultural processes of change occurring in the countries of Asia and to situate them in the broader international context, reflecting the increasing significance of Asia in world affairs. Through its interdisciplinary curriculum and training in social research, the major seeks to equip students with analytical skills of value to organizations in diverse economic sectors in Hong Kong, Asia, and beyond. It enhances students’ skills in critical reasoning and problem-solving, and will extend and deepen their regional and global perspectives.

What you will be studying

The major emphasises sound knowledge and analytical skills in local, regional and global issues, and provides training in speaking and writing skills. It offers both theoretical and practical analytical perspectives.

Electives include Hong Kong and China studies / specific regional, international and development topics / problem-based studies / migration and environment studies.

3 Streams (optional)  
Asian Studies  International Studies  Development Studies

Students need to take at least 3 courses in one stream in order to specialise in that stream. Students can graduate in one stream only.

Internationalization  Exchange  Cultural Immersion & Summer School  Study Tours

Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program with Columbia University

Four-year degree students have a chance to apply for admission to the Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program between City University of Hong Kong and Columbia University. Students admitted to the program will earn two bachelor’s degrees, awarded by the two universities.

Two options of Major at Columbia University:

- Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Start your career here

The major will develop your knowledge and skills, broaden and deepen your international and regional perspectives to prepare you for a career in both government and commercial sector. Graduates are employable in a wide variety of occupational fields, including social research, market research, journalism and mass media, public relations, commerce, project-planning and management, social enterprises and non-governmental organisations.
BSocSc Public Policy and Politics (PPP)

Co-curricular Activities
A wide range of co-curricular activities is available for Public Policy and Politics students to enhance their learning:

- Exchange study programme (e.g. University of Bristol and University of Warwick)
- Internship (e.g. Hong Kong Housing Authority and Office of Legislative Councilors)
- Overseas summer school (e.g. University of Amsterdam and University of Leeds)
- Field trips / study tour (e.g. Sun Yat-sen University (China) and Incommunities Group (UK))

Career Prospects
The Public Policy and Politics Major equips graduates to work competently in a wide range of politics, management, and policy positions in both public and private organizations:

- Administrative and Executive Officers in Hong Kong government
- Policy researchers
- Community officers in political and social organizations
- Managers in public organizations (such as universities, public hospitals, Housing Authority, Hospital Authority, Airport Authority)
- Teachers in primary and secondary schools
- Anchors and reporters in news media and managers in public relations services
- Business administrators
- Property managers (Tier 1) under the Property Management Services Ordinance

Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program between City University of Hong Kong and Columbia University for students in Public Policy and Politics (Political Science and Governance Stream)

Students in the Public Policy and Politics Programme (Political Science and Governance stream) may apply for admission to the Joint Degree Program:

- 1st and 2nd years at City University of Hong Kong
- 3rd and 4th years at Columbia University

Upon graduation, students will receive two degrees:

- Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Policy and Politics conferred by City University of Hong Kong
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science conferred by Columbia University
Making a Better Society

A wide range of co-curricular activities is available for Public Policy and Politics students to enhance their learning:

- How can the government be efficient in tackling policy and societal problems?
- How can the government enhance participation of citizens in policy making?
- How can the government accommodate different views in policy making?
- How can we ensure checks and balances are maintained in formulating or implementing policies?
- How can social justice and individual rights be upheld in the policy making process?
- How can government and individual citizens respond to the challenges of globalization and technological changes?
- How can government policies enhance citizens quality of life?

The Public Policy and Politics Major provides knowledge and enhances awareness on public policy and politics from the political, governance, policy and management perspectives by examining the:

- Politics of public policy making
- Management of public, private and social organizations
- Impacts of public policy on citizens
- Moral debates concerning policy process

Structure of the Public Policy and Politics Major *

Foundation Courses (15 credits)

Political Science and Governance Stream

(36 credits of core courses plus 12 credits of electives)

Public Policy and Management Stream

(36 credits of core courses plus 12 credits of electives)

* Students are also required to fulfill other university requirements such as Gateway Education and College Requirement
** Students in the Public Policy and Management Stream can follow a study plan which would enable them to be qualified as a licensed property manager under the Property Management Services Ordinance