College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences
Program Aims and Objectives

The major objective is to equip students with basic, introductory level knowledge of the three Majors offered by SS as a solid foundation prior to their major selection.

Program Features / Curriculum Highlight

This program features a common first year in which students are expected to complete SS Foundation courses, College foundation courses, English requirement, Chinese civilization and at least 9 credits of GE’s College-Specified Courses. After the first year of studies, students will have a free choice to be admitted to one of the following 3 majors: criminology and sociology, psychology, and social work.

Activities / Learning Support:

- Community Awareness Project
- Student advising and mentoring

Career Prospect / Graduate Career Outlook

Career opportunities may depend on which major students eventually choose after their first year. For those who have chosen criminology and sociology, work settings may include law enforcement agencies, private security management, and etc. For those who have chosen psychology, jobs may be related to human resources and services, and etc. For those who have chosen social work, opportunities include social worker in social services agencies, schools, and etc.
Bachelor of Social Sciences in Criminology & Sociology (JS1111)
https://www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/programme/JS1111

Program Aims and Objectives
Equip degree-level graduates with broad knowledge of criminology and sociological practice; and with professional competence to conduct sociological research to solve problems in organizational, community, societal, national, and international contexts with a particular interest in protecting the public and maintaining Hong Kong’s status as one of the safest cities in the world.

Program Structure

Program Features / Curriculum Highlight
- Summer internships in local or overseas institutions
- Research project
- Joint bachelor’s program with Columbia University (Applied Sociology Stream)
- Exchange programs with universities overseas

Activities / Learning Support
- Student advising and mentoring
- Study tour

Career Prospect / Graduate Career Outlook
Government agencies (e.g. the Hong Kong Police Force, the Correctional Services Department, Customs and Excise Department, the Immigration Department, and the Fire Services), schools and universities, non-governmental organisations, security or risk management departments in private companies, research institutes and marketing research firms, media industries, and public relations firms.
Bachelor of Social Sciences in Psychology (JS1112)

PROGRAM AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
Provide students with a comprehensive training in psychology, with emphasis on research competence in the study of human mind and behaviour, for further advancement in professional practice in human and social behavioural services.

PROGRAM FEATURES / CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHT
- Lab-based training (Psychology Laboratories)
- Summer internships in or outside Hong Kong
- Individual psychology research project
- Joint bachelor’s program with Columbia University
- Exchange programs with universities overseas
- Eligible to apply for graduate membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society

PSYCHOLOGY LABORATORIES

ACTIVITIES / LEARNING SUPPORT
- Student advising and mentoring
- Study tour

CAREER PROSPECT / GRADUATE CAREER OUTLOOK
Professional psychologists; People-oriented jobs; Jobs requiring strong research and analytical skills.
PROGRAM AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
Equip students to pursue a professional career that serves people in need and contributes to social changes and reform. Students will receive foundation training in social sciences and explore what social workers do before undergoing rigorous theoretical and practical training in social work in the classroom and in two fieldwork practicums.

CAREER
Upon graduation, students will acquire the competence to practice as a professionally qualified social worker (e.g. in social services agencies, schools and health care institutions); work in the field of human resources (e.g. customer service and staff training); or pursue further studies in social work or related fields.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION
Graduates from the program are qualified to register with the Social Workers Registration Board as Registered Social Workers (RSW), which is an internationally recognized professional qualification.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
Students who have leadership, social awareness, commitment to individual and social advancement, maturity and with volunteer service experiences. Selection criteria will be based on (1) HKDSE results, (2) band choice, and (3) interview results.

WHAT WILL YOU BE STUDYING?

- Departmental Core Courses
- Social Work Core Courses
- Social Work Electives
- Concurrent Practicum
**BONUS FEATURES**

- HSBC Social Work Scholarship for students with outstanding performance.
- Rich array of co-curricular activities and opportunities, e.g., out-of-class activities, summer internships, research and action learning projects.
- Minor studies, such as psychology, criminology, offered within and other disciplines outside the Department.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Outstanding graduates:** Fourteen of our Social Work graduates won Outstanding Social Workers Award, of which five of them were winners of Junior Outstanding Social Workers.

**Great teachers:** Seven social work teachers have received CityU Teaching Excellence Awards, one of them has received the award twice. Three teachers have received the University Grants Committee (UGC) Teaching Excellence Award (two individual awards and one team award).
Program Aims

The double degree programme between the Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the School of Law aims to equip degree-level graduates with broad knowledge of criminology and laws; and professional competence to conduct criminological and legal research to solve problems in organizational, community, societal, national, and international contexts with a particular interest in protecting the public and maintaining Hong Kong as one of the safest cities in the world.

Careers

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree is a recognised qualification for admission to the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL), a prerequisite for entering the legal profession in Hong Kong. Students will procure knowledge and skills necessary to undertake managerial and executive responsibilities in a wide range of professions, including policing, crime prevention, security services, correctional services, conflict resolution, and the operation of non-governmental organizations. Many opportunities will be provided for students to develop an interest in discovery and innovation to benefit society through crime control and reduction. The skill set taught in the double degree enables students to apply for jobs in the government, disciplinary forces and private corporations.

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Dean’s Scholarship

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*The HKDSE score is calculated by adding the scores of 4 core subjects and 2 electives with the best results
Department's Highlights

TEACHING EXCELLENCE
We strive for teaching excellence, focusing on the growth of the students in both academic and personal levels. In particular, Professor Alice Chong Ming-lin, Dr Elaine Liu Suh-ching and Prof. Sylvia Kwok have received the prestigious Teaching Award from the University Grants Committee (UGC) in recognition of their outstanding teaching performance and achievements.

UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
Through the Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program between City University of Hong Kong (CityU) and Columbia University (ColumbiaU), Psychology and Applied Sociology students who complete the undergraduate curricula of both CityU and ColumbiaU will earn two bachelor’s degrees from CityU and ColumbiaU. To learn more about this program, visit http://cityu-hk.gs.columbia.edu.

LEARNING THROUGH DISCOVERIES
With the Discovery-enriched curriculum (DEC), students are motivated to discover, innovate and create. Eight students have received the DEC Awards for their original discovery and creativity.
Department's Highlights

PASSIONATE STUDENTS
In 2021, the HSBC Social Work Scholarships Scheme awarded 10 social work students to recognize their dedication to the social work profession.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT

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Calculation of admission score: Best 5 subjects including English with weighting x2

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Calculation of admission score: Best 6 subjects including English