The Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program between City University of Hong Kong (CityU) and Columbia University offers students an international undergraduate educational experience—a program spanning two continents, in cosmopolitan cities that allow students to engage directly with the world around them. The program draws upon elements both traditional and innovative, combining the academic rigor of two world-renowned universities with an attention to liberal arts and social traditions held in high esteem by students at both institutions.

By offering two distinct learning environments, the Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program seeks to present a panorama of experiences that allow students to challenge themselves and develop a richer, more nuanced understanding of an increasingly globalized world. Students will engage directly with the undergraduate curricula of both City University of Hong Kong and Columbia University, alongside a uniquely diverse group of fellow students.

Located in the Kowloon section of Hong Kong, CityU is a rapidly growing institution with 20,000 students and more than 3,000 faculty and staff spanning the fields of business, creative media, data science, energy and environmental science, engineering, law, liberal arts and social sciences, science, and veterinary medicine and life sciences. The CityU campus offers state-of-the-art facilities and is easily accessible by mass transit.

Located in the Morningside Heights neighborhood on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, the Columbia University campus is designed to be an urban academic village that offers students the opportunity to engage directly in an academic life at the heart of New York City. More than 26,000 students are enrolled at Columbia University and enjoy close, collegial interactions with faculty members who are widely recognized as leading scholars in their disciplines. The student-to-faculty ratio is 6:1, and most courses meet in small, seminar-style classes. The Columbia undergraduate degree combines the breadth of the Core Curriculum and the rigor of one of twelve majors within the social and natural sciences approved for Joint Bachelor's Degree Program.
Two Colleges, Two Degrees, Four Years

As a Joint Degree Program student, you will be immersed in two elite research universities whose academic, social, and cultural environments offer the best of both cities. During years one and two, you will pursue one of the eligible majors at CityU: Asian and International Studies, Business Decision Analytics, Public Policy and Politics. During years three and four, you will continue your studies at Columbia University.

City University of Hong Kong

Established as a University in 1994, City University of Hong Kong (CityU) offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes as well as short courses. The University, with a student body of over 28,000, is well known for its applied research, teaching and community engagement activities.

Columbia University

Columbia University was founded in 1754. Today, Columbia is a global center of research and education with more than 12,000 students from over 140 countries. Columbia is one of the world’s leading research centers. Founded in 1754, the School of General Studies (GS) is a fully accredited program, allowing traditionally-aged students the opportunity to study at a world-class institution of higher learning in the United States and one of the world’s leading research centers.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition at CityU is billed biannually and tuition and fees are determined based on whether students hold Hong Kong status, all students pay the same tuition rate. Students with excellent academic performance are eligible for need-based financial aid at Columbia University consistent with need. CityU students accepted to the Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program may also apply for scholarships/west that are designated for their studies at Columbia.

Application

For information and advice on applying to the Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program visit the Joint Degree Programs home page, contact the Undergraduate Program Office or the Office of Admissions at City University of Hong Kong (CityU) or Columbia University.

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