BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN ASIAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Major in Asian and International Studies

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 emphasizes 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 specialize in that stream. Students can graduate in one stream only.

- Internationalization
  - Cultural Immersion (http://www.cityu.edu.hk/class/inter/immer/) & Summer School (http://www.cityu.edu.hk/class/inter/summersch/)
  - Study Tours (https://www.cityu.edu.hk/ais/StudentLife_ST_2017Japan.aspx)

Joint 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 degrees, awarded by the two universities.

Two options:
- Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies, conferred by Columbia University or
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, conferred by Columbia University

To learn more about the Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program, please visit https://gs.columbia.edu/cityu-hk/

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 organizations.