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

Students in the Public Policy and Politics Programme (Politics stream) may apply for admission to the Joint Degree Program. Students admitted to the Joint Degree Program will spend their first two years at City University of Hong Kong and stay at Columbia University for their third and fourth years. Upon graduation, students will receive two degrees: Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Policy and Politics conferred by City University of Hong Kong and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science conferred by Columbia University.

Beyond the Curriculum

The Department of Public Policy sends a large number of PPP students to overseas universities in Europe, Australia, United States, Canada, and Asia for exchange study. The Department has achieved an impressive record in securing international exchange places with universities in Europe, North America and Australia. The Department also provides internship to PPP students to gain practical working experience in a wide range of public and private organizations. This helps the career planning of PPP students. Apart from these, POL summer schools are very popular among PPP students for spending a summer in an overseas setting. Various field trips and study tours to different places are organized by faculty in different courses to broaden the horizons of PPP students to enable them to compare and evaluate the practices of public policy and the operation of government in different countries.

What are the career prospects of PPP graduates?

The PPP Major equips graduates for successful careers in a wide range of administration, management, politics, and policy positions in both the public and private sectors, such as:

- administrators and managers in universities, public hospitals, the Housing Authority, the Hospital Authority, the Airport Authority;
- teachers in secondary schools;
- anchors and reporters in the news media;
- officers in the banking, financial services, and property management fields.

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- How do particular public policies emerge?
- Who makes the decisions and why?
- Why are public policies so important and how do they impact on our everyday lives?
- How do politics and policymaking interact?
- What can we learn from other societies in relation to government and governance?
- What are the key ethical issues in politics and public policy?

PPP will give you the essential analytical, communication, and leadership skills to prepare you for a successful career in a wide range of public and private sector jobs. Substantial training and practical opportunities will be provided in various learning modes to build up your professional skills, competence and confidence.

The Department of Public Policy (POL) has an impressive academic team to deliver the PPP Major. The teaching programme draws on their world class research to provide students with a locally relevant but globally informed understanding of public policy and politics. The academic team is composed of around 40 academics from across the world. Their expertise in teaching and conducting research ranges across public management, political science, housing and urban studies, environmental policy, China studies, political philosophy and ethics.

POL is widely recognized as one of the top academic units in Political Science in the region and ranked well within the top 100 departments in the QS world rankings.

What will be taught in PPP?

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* The Housing and Urban Studies Stream is professionally accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Housing and the Chartered Institute of Housing.