



Faculty of
Social Sciences
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學社會科學學院

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Faculty of Social Sciences



Background

Founded
in 1967



100+
professoriate staff



Students:

- **1,800+** UG
- **130** visiting/exchange
- **1,400+** TPG
- **250+** RPG



Introduction to Core Departments

Departments



Sociology

Social Work and Social Administration

Psychology

Politics and Public Administration

Journalism and Media Studies

Geography

4th

29th



(1st in HK)

Social Sciences
and Management



Asia

World

QS World University Rankings 2023



Department of Geography

The Department of Geography is the first and foremost geography department in Hong Kong. Since its inception, the Department has trained nearly 3,500 undergraduates including some world-class academics, prominent government officials, business leaders and senior professionals, etc.

The Department offers well-structured courses to keep students abreast of the most up-to-date knowledge and contemporary issues in Hong Kong and in the world. With strong emphasis on people-environment interactions, students will have the opportunities to investigate various phenomena and dynamics, for instance, climate change, economic and regional development, ecosystem services, globalisation, natural hazards, public health, sustainable development, tourism, transportation and urbanisation and so forth, in the rapidly changing world.





Journalism and Media Studies Centre

Founded in 1998, the Journalism and Media Studies Centre (JMSC) brings professional journalism education to Hong Kong's premier university, creating an environment for vibrant interaction among students from Hong Kong, mainland China, Asia and the rest of the world.

The JMSC's mission is to support civil society and an informed citizenry through a vibrant and professional news media, to enhance professional standards, to bolster journalistic integrity and to help students build vital communications skills valuable for any future career. The JMSC pursues these goals through its teaching programmes, research, professional services and its industry and academic partnerships.





Department of Politics and Public Administration



The Department of Politics and Public Administration is a founding department of the Faculty. During the past decades, the Department has contributed to the development of its discipline both locally and internationally through dedicated teaching, research and knowledge exchange.

Students are exposed to basic concepts and general features of political systems, as well as the organisation and functions of government. The specialist streams comprise comparative politics, international politics, political theory and ethics, and public administration.



Department of Psychology



The Department of Psychology is the oldest department of psychology in Hong Kong, and has been consistently ranked as one of the best in Asia. Our multi-disciplinary Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Programmes are both the first of its kind in Hong Kong.

Through our programme, students gain a broad knowledge of psychology, learn applicable research skills, and have opportunities to pursue specialised interests. Our courses are taught by experts in the field, and span a range of areas including social psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, psychopathology, therapeutic psychology, and neuroscience. Students also receive training in research methods, and have opportunities to gain research experience in one of the many cutting-edge laboratories in the department, such as research internships and independent research projects.



Department of Social Work and Social Administration

The Department of Social Work and Social Administration is the first social work training institute in Hong Kong's history of professional social work education. Since 1950, it is our core mission to provide rigorous academic and professional training in social work. We are also a leader in counselling, behavioural health, expressive arts therapy, mental health and gerontology education. Our commitment to improving the quality of life of people has kept our social work education at the forefront of the changing social welfare landscape. Many of our graduates are now social work leaders in the region. Others became esteemed clinical practitioners, government officials, directors and senior managers in NGOs, as well as professors in major universities.

The Department also offers two majors/minors in 'Social Policy & Social Development' and 'Counselling' for the Bachelor of Social Sciences Programme to provide students with solid foundation in social sciences, social consciousness, effective communication and problem-solving skills. Graduates are best equipped for positions of Officers in the government which finances and administers the largest bulk of social services, or planning and management positions in non-governmental and private agencies, etc. Graduates can also pursue further studies in practical cutting-edge evidence-based postgraduate programmes provided by the Department (e.g. Master of Social Work, Master of Social Sciences, and Master of Philosophy, etc.).





Department of Sociology



The Department of Sociology, founded in 1967, has a long tradition in research and teaching about local cultures and societies. With the advent of large scale social transformations, this sociological lens on everyday life and cultures has broadened, framed within a global context.



With our faculty members from around the world, the department provides students with critical analytical and methodological skills for understanding individuals and their connection to communities and societies, across a range of social indicators - class, crime, economy, education, gender, marriage and family, media, punishment, and religion.



Undergraduate Admissions 2023-24

Events
 Workshop: Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling

Undergraduate Studies
 Experiential Learning

Faculty Student Ambassadors Scheme

Taught Postgraduate Studies

Research Postgraduate Studies

Community Projects
 JCERAC, JGcomsoc, JC-wise, etc.



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