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Faculty of Social Sciences

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Founded in
1967 with **110+**
Professoriate staff

And **4,000+** students

1,860+ UG **220+** Visiting/Exchange

2,200+ TPG **300+** RPG

Ranked (QS 2026)

1 Locally **22** Globally



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Departments & School

Department of Geography

Department of Politics
and Public Administration

Department of Psychology

Department of Social Work
and Social Administration

Department of Sociology

School of Future Media



Department of Geography



The Department of Geography is the first and longest-established geography department in Hong Kong, with a rich history dating back to 1931. Over the decades, the Department has trained around 3,800 undergraduates, many of whom have gone on to become respected academics, prominent government officials, business leaders, and senior professionals.

The Department offers a well-structured and flexible curriculum that keeps students abreast of up-to-date knowledge and contemporary issues in Hong Kong and around the world. With a strong emphasis on people–environment interactions, students have the opportunity to investigate key phenomena and dynamics, such as climate change, economic and regional development, ecosystem services, globalisation, natural hazards, public health, sustainable development, tourism, transportation, and urbanisation in a rapidly changing world.

[Department Website](#)

School of Future Media



The School of Future Media (SFM) is established in October 2025, building on the long standing Journalism and Media Studies Centre (JMSC) and integrating a new Documentary and AI Filmmaking division along with the Global Creative Industries programme formerly housed in Faculty of Arts. It is jointly supported by Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Arts, positioning the SFM at the intersection of social research, cultural analysis and creative practice.

Bringing together journalism, documentary filmmaking, AI enabled content creation and global creative industries, SFM offers an innovative teaching and research environment that fuses factual reporting with emerging media technologies and critical inquiry into their societal impact. Through its suite of undergraduate, taught postgraduate and research postgraduate programmes, the School prepares students and researchers to become future oriented storytellers and media practitioners who can navigate and shape rapidly evolving digital and creative ecosystems.

[School Website](#)

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 Website](#)

Department of Psychology



HKU Psychology is ranked among the top three in Asia. Our professoriate staff consist of experts in different fields of psychology. Our students are trained to apply psychological principles in addressing important social issues. Our research expertise also allows us to offer two multi-disciplinary programmes in Cognitive Science and Neuroscience.

[Department Website](#)

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 clinical practitioners, government officials, directors and senior managers in NGOs, as well as professors in major universities.

Besides the Bachelor of Social Work program, 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 Website](#)

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.

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