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BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (GOVERNMENT & LAWS) & BACHELOR OF LAWS

GOVERNMENT & LAWS

ADMISSIONS 2021
HKU GLAWS BEGINNINGS

THE STUDY OF GOVERNMENT AND LAWS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (HKU) HARKS BACK TO 1924, WHEN THE CAMBRIDGE-EDUCATED JURIST GEORGE KEETON LL.D FBA ACCEPTED AN APPOINTMENT TO BECOME THE INAUGURAL LECTURER OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND JURISPRUDENCE AT HKU.

During Professor Keeton's stint at HKU, the future Dean of Laws and Vice-Provost of University College London (UCL) and heroic Anti-Nazi intellectual heavyweight proposed the creation of a five-year double degree programme in Law and Politics. He co-established with his HKU students an academic society to promote the study of Political Science and Jurisprudence. With this society, he also launched a student-edited, English-language, academic journal on Law and Public Affairs of the highest standard, copies of which was circulated in university libraries across the world, illuminating everything ranging from ancient customary law to Traditional Chinese law to the latest legal reforms in Europe.

Keeton's departure from Hong Kong in 1927 and all the political chaos in the lead up to the Second World War resulted in a premature end to all of the eminent British jurist's visionary initiatives at HKU. In 1999, one decade after his death, Keeton's vision for HKU was historically fulfilled when the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) & Bachelor of Laws double degree programme (HKU GLaws) opened its doors to some of the brightest students from Hong Kong and beyond.
WHAT IS HKU GLAWS?

HKU Government & Laws (HKU GLaws) is an elite undergraduate programme in public affairs that no serious student can afford to overlook.

Since 1999, HKU GLaws has brought forth cohort after cohort of outstanding lawyers in public and private practice, government administrative officers (AOs), professors, business professionals, and leaders of the non-profit sector. The programme’s mission is to educate principled leaders who will advance the public interest and the rule of law by offering innovative solutions to problems confronting our society and beyond.

WHY STUDY GOVERNMENT & LAWS TOGETHER?

Unlike the stand-alone law degree, HKU GLaws draws on multiple disciplines such as comparative politics, political philosophy and ethics, international relations, and public administration to nurture top-notch thinkers who are competent at attacking legal problems from all angles.

The most important developments in our present age regularly feature the intersection of government and laws, be it public health emergency responses to pandemics, transnational humanitarian crises, trade disputes between major powers, and so on. It is virtually impossible for anyone interested in a career in law, public service, international governance, international commerce, and non-governmental organisations to stand out in a crowd without a grasp of government and laws.

GLaws students enjoy the flexible option of graduating with an BScSc (Govt & Laws) degree in 4 years, or an BScSc (Govt & Laws) & LLB double degree in 5 years. They are entitled to make an informed choice on whether to pursue the 4-Year Track or the 5-Year Track at the end of their second year.

GOOD LAWS, IF THEY ARE NOT OBEYED, DO NOT CONSTITUTE GOOD GOVERNMENT.

ARISTOTLE (384-322 BC)
HKU GLaws is a multidisciplinary and challenging study programme, which allows students to have a broad perspective on international politics and law, while looking in-depth into political concepts and local social issues. With vibrant interaction with renowned professors and bright peers, the Programme has equipped us with the essential organisation and analytical skills, and critical thinking, which are important for any career, be it in law, public services or elsewhere.

Veronica Tse, ‘09
Administrative Officer, Government of the Hong Kong SAR

The HKU GLaws Programme has always been the correct choice for me. It was not just the training in analytical and critical thinking which proved to be invaluable to my career but my social awareness was greatly aroused. GLaws students will develop correct social values, gain positive attitudes and learn skill sets in human relations, leadership and management – all most useful for one’s personal development.

Angie Lo, ‘04
Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan
I commend the HKU GLaws programme without reservation. I have learnt to think critically about not only what the law is, but more importantly what the law ought to be, bearing in mind the justice and needs of our society. During my undergraduate studies, I was particularly inspired by the courses in political philosophy and international relations. I have grown tremendously in terms of analytical, interdisciplinary and empathy skills, all which are essential traits for any successful professional career and meeting the challenges of today's world. The Programme has nurtured the correct values and philosophy which continue to have a lasting impact on my career and life.

**Victor Lui, ‘14**
Barrister, Temple Chambers
LLM, University of Cambridge

The HKU GLaws Programme provides students with a unique, rigorous and in-depth intellectual exposure to various academic disciplines. The Programme structure allows for great flexibility, thus supporting students to pursue an intellectual journey of their choice and also thoroughly prepares a student for their professional career in the future. Furthermore, the Programme has opened doors for academic careers not just in Politics and Law, but also in Philosophy, and in my case, History. I would call my experience as a GLawyer the most remarkable and transformative one during my time at HKU. It was an amazing experience that not only had a positive impact on my career path but also my life.

**Amanda Zhang, ‘15**
DPhil Oriental Studies candidate, University of Oxford
WHY STUDY GOVERNMENT & LAWS AT HKU?

BE PART OF AN EMINENT TRADITION

HKU counts among its alumni Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the founding president of Modern China; Lim Bo Seng, Singapore’s national hero; Fu Bingchang, China’s ambassador to Belgium and the Soviet Union; judges of the former Supreme Court of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, and numerous first-class legal minds whose impact can be felt beyond Hong Kong. Politics and public administration have been taught at HKU for more than one century, since 1915, training generations after generations of public servants. Becoming an HKU GLaws student means following their footsteps towards greatness.

STUDY AT ASIA’S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

HKU’s Department of Politics and Public Administration and Faculty of Law are consistently ranked among the top in Asia and worldwide. Becoming an HKU GLaws student means having access to over 100 international experts, many of whom conduct state-of-the-art research into how societies should be organised and governed.
4-YEAR TRACK: BSOCSC (GOVT & LAWS)

The 4-Year Track is especially suitable for students who are primarily interested in public service, journalism, non-profit management, or other non-law fields, such as business, but would like to gain a background in law.

**YEAR 1**

**PPA Major Courses**
Making Sense of Politics  
One Faculty of Social Sciences core introductory course

**Law Core Courses**
Law of Contract I; Law of Contract II  
Legal System of the Hong Kong SAR  
Law and Society  
Legal Research and Writing I

**Common Core Courses**
Two Common Core Courses

**English Language Courses/Free Electives**
Core University English or Free Elective

**YEAR 2**

**PPA Major Courses**
Research Methods  
Two PPA Gateway Courses

**Law Core Courses**
Law of Tort I; Law of Tort II  
Constitutional Law  
Legal Research and Writing II  
Administrative Law

**Common Core Courses**
Two Common Core Courses

**YEAR 3**

**PPA Major Courses**
3 PPA Electives  
Global Citizenship or Social Innovation

**Law Core Courses**
Guided Research

**Common Core Courses**
One Common Core Course

**Chinese Language Courses/Free Electives**
Practical Chinese and Free Electives

**YEAR 4**

**PPA Major Courses**
5 PPA electives and Capstone course

**Law Core Courses**
Introduction to Legal Theory

**Common Core Courses**
One Common Core Course

**Chinese Language Courses/Free Electives**
Free Electives
5-YEAR TRACK: BSOCSC (GOVT&LAWS) & LLB

THE 5-YEAR TRACK IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE KEEN ON EARNING A QUALIFYING LAW DEGREE, WHICH ENTITLES ONE TO APPLY FOR A PLACE ON A POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LAWS (PCLL) PROGRAMME, A PREREQUISITE FOR LEGAL PRACTICE IN HONG KONG.

YEAR 1
PPA MAJOR COURSES
Making Sense of Politics
One Faculty of Social Sciences core introductory course

LAW CORE COURSES
Law of Contract I; Law of Contract II
Legal System of the Hong Kong SAR
Law and Society
Legal Research and Writing I

COMMON CORE COURSES
Two Common Core Courses

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES/
FREE ELECTIVES
Core University English or Free Elective

YEAR 2
PPA MAJOR COURSES
Research Methods
Two PPA Gateway Courses

LAW CORE COURSES
Law of Tort I; Law of Tort II
Constitutional Law
Legal Research and Writing II
Administrative Law

COMMON CORE COURSES
Two Common Core Courses

YEAR 3
PPA MAJOR COURSES
3 PPA electives
Global Citizenship or Social Innovation

LAW CORE COURSES
Criminal Law I; Criminal Law II
Land Law I; Land Law II

CHINESE LANGUAGE COURSES/
FREE ELECTIVES
Practical Chinese and Free Electives

YEARS 4-5
PPA MAJOR COURSES
5 PPA electives and Capstone course

LAW CORE COURSES
Introduction to Chinese Law
Commercial Law
Introduction to Legal Theory
Business Associations
Mooting and Dispute Resolution (Capstone)
Equity and Trusts I; Equity and Trusts II
Disciplinary Electives

CHINESE LANGUAGE COURSES/
FREE ELECTIVES
Free Electives
Because of the unique intellectual stimulation from HKU GLaws, I never see law books as being only rules and systems, but reflections of history, values of society, and determinants of social justice for the present and future. The exceptional vision instilled in me by the Programme opened doors for rigorous academic training at Oxford University, and careers in the Hong Kong SAR Government and the international development NGO Oxfam. Only with a broad perspective could I have realised that career paths can be horizontal, which for me is the most fruitful way to enrich life and serve the world.

HEIDI HUNG, ‘03
PhD Student in Public Health, CUHK
Former Global Campaign Coordinator, Oxfam Hong Kong
Former Senior Administrative Officer, Government of the Hong Kong SAR
Rhodes Scholar
MSt in Legal Research graduate, University Oxford
CAREER PATHS

EMPLOYERS LOOK NOT ONLY FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SKILLED IN ONE PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE, BUT ALSO IN POSSESSION OF KNOWLEDGE IN MULTIPLE FIELDS TO ADDRESS SIGNIFICANT ISSUES THAT CONFRONT MODERN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS.

HKU GLaws enables you to acquire critical skills from a wide range of disciplines: political economy, philosophy, and law to strengthen your competitiveness. Knowledge of the law is considered an asset in many areas of employment. Most HKU GLaws graduates have found positions in the legal and government sectors, but others have also excelled in a diverse variety of career fields such as journalism, business, academia, and non-government organisations.

The interdisciplinary and philosophical training offered by HKU GLaws has provided me with a strong foundation for rigorous intellectual analysis of complicated legal issues in litigation and arbitration.

GISELLE YUEN, ‘11
Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills
LLM graduate, King's College London

Even with the benefit of hindsight and as a barrister now, I had absolutely no hesitation in choosing HKU GLaws over other options. The Programme was a precious and fruitful experience of self-discovery.

CONNIE LEE, ‘06
Barrister-at-Law, Des Voeux Chambers
BCL graduate, University of Oxford
Bar Scholar
I was very fortunate to have the privilege of reading the HKU GLaws double degree. The Programme is enriching, stimulating, and opens doors to diverse career paths. Among the many valuable things students learn is the ability to analyse the intricate dynamics between law and public administration. I developed a keen interest in public law since university days and have benefited tremendously from the Programme in my current practice which has a public law element.

**BONNIE CHENG, ’07**

Barrister-at-Law, 
Temple Chambers 
LLM graduate, Harvard University 
MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy graduate, University of Oxford 
Bar Scholar
The thought-provoking education offered by HKU GLaws has empowered me to always challenge my own limits. This ethos has landed me positions far removed from government and laws, such as working with the directors’ office of a Hong Kong listed conglomerate, as well as taking up leading positions in various non-profit communities. Today, I am advancing my career in a leading law firm, backed by solid training in government and laws and diverse experiences in business. HKU GLaws is the right choice for every outstanding student who would not settle for less; who would constantly explore new opportunities and acquire multidisciplinary knowledge to understand the world better than their peers.

SHARON TAM, ‘13
Associate, Mayer Brown

Speaking as a partner of a leading law firm, I affirm the fact that HKU GLaws would always be my first choice over all other options. GLaws blends knowledge and skills in politics with those of law, and takes the best of both worlds. This integration deeply challenged my critical thinking capabilities and allowed me to develop a unique angle in approaching problems and finding solutions, which in turn gave me an edge in advancing and sustaining my career. In view of the current political climate, Hong Kong needs lawyers and leaders who are not only good at legal techniques but also passionate about defending the rule of law and judicial independence. If you have such aspirations, I strongly recommend GLaws to you.

ALVIN HO, ’07
Partner, Pinsent Masons
Diverse and limitless – are the right words to describe the career paths of HKU GLaws graduates, whether belonging to the four-year or five-year tracks. Our diverse choices of career include becoming lawyers, public officials, professors, investment bankers, consultants, startup founders, Fortune 500 brand managers and airline pilots. The cross-disciplinary curriculum that characterises the GLaws experience offers students a unique view of the world and a deep understanding of both local and international issues. This definitely helps us to excel in our professional roles.

I am proud to be a graduate of HKU GLaws. The Programme's interdisciplinary approach enabled me to broaden my perspectives of the society and the world, to think critically and creatively, and to become part of a wide network of outstanding alumni working in vast range of sectors. These benefits continue to bring positive impact to my personal development and career progression.

ANDREW KO, ‘13
Pilot,
Cathay Pacific Airways

LILY CHAN, ‘07
Vice President,
Assistant General Counsel
Equity Derivatives Legal
JP Morgan

Masters in Finance graduate,
London Business School
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder
Reading HKU GLaws opened up a world of possibilities for me. The interdisciplinary legal and political studies offered by the Programme had sharpened my inquisitiveness and analytical power. With an inspired and enriched mind, I was always encouraged to look for creative solutions to problems. I was formerly Assistant Representative of Hong Kong, China to the World Trade Organization, a role that constantly requires me to deploy solid research skills and sophisticated techniques of negotiations.

HEIDI IP, ‘09
Administrative Officer, Government of the Hong Kong SAR

I have made a lot of lifelong friends in my five years of university studies in HKU GLaws, and a lot of them have become my best friends. GLaws is also very intellectually nurturing. It prepares students with analytical thinking and a general awareness of what’s happening around us. I found what I learned in classes to be truly relevant to my day-to-day work in the financial industry, even if my job is not directly related to politics, public administration or law.

EUGENIA CHAN, ‘11
Vice President, Distribution, Barclays
STUDENT-LED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

GOVERNMENT AND LAWS COMMITTEE HKU (GLC) IS THE FLAGSHIP OFFICIAL STUDENT COMMUNITY OF THE BSOCSC (GOVT&LAWS) & LLB PROGRAMME AT HKU.

GLC is heir to a cosmopolitan tradition harking back to the appointment of the eminent British jurist George Keeton as HKU's inaugural Lecturer in Political Science and Jurisprudence in 1924, and the society he helped establish with his Law and Politics students shortly afterwards. Few student bodies in Hong Kong can claim an older pedigree.

Today, GLC is unquestionably one of the most widely acclaimed law students' organisations in the region, committed to the non-partisan study of law and public affairs. Bringing together students, practitioners, and experts from all over the world, GLC promotes robust debates about cutting-edge legal and policy problems that lie at the nexus of the international and domestic levels.

GLC works closely with the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Faculty of Law to deliver customised services to BSocSc (Govt&Laws) & LLB students, such as mentorship schemes and examination support tailor-made to their special needs, offered like nowhere else.
GLC is home to two globally-recognised publications, edited and produced entirely by GLaws students: The Hong Kong Journal of Law and Public Affairs, Asia's first student-edited journal focusing on law and politics; and Public Jurist, a quarterly magazine with contributors coming from world-leading universities such as Harvard, Cambridge and the National University of Singapore, among numerous others. GLC publications also feature interviews with preeminent leaders in law and public affairs, including Lord Hoffmann, non-permanent judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal; Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, former President of the United Kingdom Supreme Court; Professor Pascal Lamy, former Director of the World Trade Organization; and Dr. Tonio Borg, former Deputy Prime Minister of Malta and European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy. Follow GLC at: IG @hku_glaws | www.facebook.com/hkuglc | www.hkuglc.org
GOVERNMENT AND LAWS 20TH ANNIVERSARY
MEET THE JURISTS

MARCH ISSUE 2019

BREXIT – TO DEAL OR NOT TO DEAL
SYMPOSIUM
BREXIT AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

SPECIAL ISSUE 2019
My first three years in the HKU GLaws Programme has been a dynamic and enriching journey. Apart from the intellectually stimulating coursework, the vibrant interaction in extracurricular contexts has equipped me with a versatile skill set. From organising academic seminars, to editing interdisciplinary publications, the Government and Laws Committee experience has not only broadened my horizons on public affairs, but also instilled in me a heightened sense of empathy for the underprivileged. In an age of profound challenges, it is on this account that I invite you all to embark on this grand journey, and to prosper in change with resilience.

DILYS TAM
BSocSc(Govt&Laws) & LLB III
Director
Government and Laws Committee,
The University of Hong Kong
2018–2020

My experience in HKU GLaws is amazing. Professors are always willing to guide students. And mutual support amongst peers in the GLaws community, whether inside or outside of the classroom, is one of the most invaluable assets of the Programme. The Programme and the Government and Laws Committee have provided me with a comprehensive bird’s eye view. Not only did I get to know what the law is, I also seized opportunities to apply my newfound knowledge in my legal and consultancy internships, devoted myself to a number of pro bono initiatives so as to bring forth greater social transformations across our community.

FREDERICK LEUNG
BSocSc(Govt&Laws) & LLB III
President
Government and Laws Committee,
The University of Hong Kong
2018–2020
As a multidisciplinary programme, HKU GLaws offers a plethora of courses in both law and politics. It gives you the golden opportunity to delve deeper into these essential constituents, allowing one to reflect and comment with a critical mind. I consider myself rather fortunate as I am constantly stimulated and enlightened through partaking in tutorial discussions and exchanging ideas with others. The fact that it is a double-degree programme allows more flexibility in my internship application process, as one can opt for other possibilities as well. While it is challenging, it is definitely a rewarding and life-changing experience.

HKU GLaws is the ultimate choice for any serious student who has an academic interest in law and public affairs. Are you looking for a double degree programme that offers academically rigorous, world class teaching on these subjects, combined with the many advantages of flexibility? Look no further. HKU GLaws is your destination. To this I must add that the Government and Laws Committee has done very well in connecting alumni and current students, fostering a strong GLaws community that transcends generations, fields, and interests. Looking for solid career advice? Look no further. Government and Laws Committee HKU is at your doorsteps.

CANDICE CHEN
BSocSc(Govt&Laws) & LLB III
Director
Government and Laws Committee,
The University of Hong Kong
2018-2020

JET LUK, ‘10
Legal Aid Counsel,
Legal Aid Department,
Government of the Hong Kong SAR
MEET THE PROGRAMME DIRECTORS


PROFESSOR ELIZA W. Y. LEE
formerly Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration and Director of the Centre for Civil Society and Governance at HKU. Her research looks into the politics of social policy development, civil society organisations, civic engagement, and collaborative governance in Hong Kong and elsewhere in Asia. An international expert in public administration, her work has appeared in leading journals in the field such as Governance and Public Administration Review.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ERIC C. IP, ’08
an alumnus of HKU GLAWS, earned his doctoral degree from the University of Oxford, specialising in the law and politics of judicial review. He is the sole author of scholarly books such as Hybrid Constitutionalism (Cambridge University Press, 2019) and Judging Regulators (Edward Elgar, 2020). Additionally he is an expert in public health law and ethics affiliated with the HKU Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, and has published in medical journals like Lancet Public Health, JAMA Health Forum, and American Journal of Public Health.
JUPAS ADMISSIONS

MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR HKDSE

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In 2020, a total of 453 students applied to HKU GLaws (JS6810). As with previous years, only a minority of applicants who placed GLaws in Band A were given offers. No applicant who placed GLaws in Bands B to E has been admitted.

ADMISSIONS SCORES OF HKDSE APPLICANTS ADMITTED (2020)

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For applicants with more than one sitting of HKDSE, only the best results in Years 2020 and 2021 will be considered.

NON-JUPAS ADMISSIONS

Applications based on qualifications other than the HKDSE will be assessed based on supporting documents provided, such as past academic records, personal statements, and referees' report. Interviews may be required.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees for the first four years of studies will be the same as the standard fees for other undergraduate programmes (the fee for 2020-2021 was HK$42,100 per year). For the optional year(s) of studies for the LLB, tuition fees will be set at a level higher than the standard fees.