



THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
(DISCIPLINARY MAJOR)**

**POLITICS &
PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**



HKU POLITICS: 1915

The Department of Politics and Public Administration, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) has a rich historical heritage dating back to 1915, over a century ago.

The Department of Politics and Public Administration at HKU was first established under the name of 'Department of Economics and Political Science' in 1937, and was originally modelled after the London School of Economics and Political Science. During the previous century, the Department has contributed significantly to advancements in political science and public administration, both locally and internationally, through excellence in research, teaching, and service to the community.

Today, the HKU Department of Politics and Public Administration is consistently ranked among the top in Asia and worldwide. Becoming an HKU PPA student means having access to nearly four dozen full-time and part-time international experts on politics and public administration, some of whom are retired and highly experienced public servants.

WHY STUDY PPA?

An undergraduate education in politics and public administration (PPA) empowers students to acquire a broad understanding of public affairs in a wide array of domains that affect how human societies should be organized and governed.

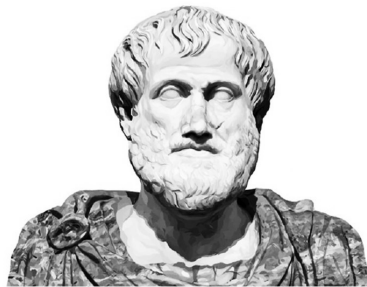
These encompass war, diplomacy, party politics, voting behaviour, democratic participation, policymaking, public management, civil society, and social movements. HKU PPA's rich curriculum is designed to inspire students to become critical thinkers and informed citizens. It is a proven success in terms of developing students' abilities to understand in-depth arguments behind controversial issues of public concern, analyse intelligently complex political dilemmas, and articulate cogently their ideas in speech and in writing, all of which are essential for successful careers in any industry.

For a hundred years HKU PPA has been a leading training ground for public servants of Hong Kong and elsewhere. The PPA Major offers training in skill sets that are highly valued by many careers today. HKU PPA graduates have found employment in multiple fields such as business and commerce, journalism and the media, teaching and research, non-governmental organisations and the voluntary sector, civil and public service, international organisations, and so on.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Undergraduate students working towards a major in Politics and Public Administration (PPA) must complete the following courses:

- Making Sense of Politics
- Two Gateway Courses
- Research Methods
- Capstone Course



Man is by nature a political animal.

ARISTOTLE (384-322 BC)

Students may further choose between a standard PPA Major or a specialist PPA Major in one or more streams:

Comparative Politics
International Politics
Political Theory and Ethics
Public Administration



TEACHING STREAMS



CAREER PROSPECTS

The Major offers training in skill sets that are highly valued by many career sectors today. Our graduates have landed jobs in a wide variety of fields, including:

1. Business & commerce
 - China Construction Bank (Asia), Huawei, HSBC, KPMG, LVMH Asia Pacific, PwC, UBS, etc.
2. Civil and public service
 - Administrative officer, District Council, Executive officer, etc.
3. Community, Social & Personal Services
 - Consumer Council, Korea Tourism Organization, M+, The Hong Kong Jockey Club, UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, etc.
4. Teaching and research
 - Teacher, etc.
5. Journalism and the media
 - Hong Kong Economic Times, etc.

(Source: HKU Graduate Employment Surveys 2021 & 2023)

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor Austin Strange

University Early Career Teaching Award 2022
Social Sciences Outstanding Research
Output Award (2022-2023)



Professor Wai-Fung Lam

Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange
Award (2023)



Professor Kai Quek

HKU Research Output Prize (2022)



Professor Dov Levin

Social Sciences Outstanding Research
Output Award (2020-2021)



Professor Jiangnan Zhu

Social Sciences Outstanding Research
Student Supervisor Award (2024)



Professor Enze Han

Social Sciences Outstanding Research
Output Award (2019-2020)

STUDENT-LED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



Politics and Public Administration Association SSS

Founded in 1973, Politics and Public Administration Association SSS (PPAA) is the student representative body of the HKU Department of Politics and Public Administration. PPAA has a unique mission to advance the public interest through changing political apathy into awareness, and inspiring students to become high caliber servant-leaders.

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