

**Faculty of Social Sciences**  
**Department of Government and International Studies**

## Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Government and International Studies

The HKBU Faculty of Social Sciences offers broad-based admission for four Majors, namely Geography, Government & International Studies, History and Sociology. Students are provided with broad-based social sciences training in their first year with no specific Majors. Upon the completion of the first year of study, students may apply to take Government & International Studies as their Major and enroll into the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Government & International Studies programme based on individual interest and academic performance.

### Programme Aims

Political Science is an important component in social sciences. It looks into human political behavior, institutions, government, international relations and other pertinent areas.

### Programme Description

BSocSc (Hons) in Government & International Studies programme gives students a firm grasp of the various areas of political science. These cover comparative politics, government and public policy-making, international relations, political economy, political theory, political thought and methodology.

### Programme Features

- Emphasis on international relations and comparative politics
- A cosmopolitan mix among teaching staff, including those from Europe, the Mainland of China and Hong Kong, in addition to visiting scholars from around the world
- Internships and Exchanges Encouraged
- A popular major among students from the Mainland of China, Europe, Southeast Asia, Central Asia and Africa

### Career Prospects

Major career paths include civil service (including disciplinary services), media, local and international NGOs, public policy research, commerce, education and risk analysis. Some graduates have established their own businesses, while others have earned admission in world renowned institutions such as the London School of Economics, Yale University, University of Southern California and Australia National University.

### Alumni's Remarks and Relations

Most alumni have fond memories of their student days with the Department, and critical thinking is often cited as the most important skill acquired. Many alumni enjoy visiting their former professors and departmental staff, and organized meetings like annual dinner are held regularly.



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