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Vision and Mission

The Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Hong Kong seeks to contribute to the advancement of society, and the development of leaders through a global presence, regional significance and engagement with the rest of China. The Faculty strives to attract and nurture outstanding scholars in the social sciences from around the world through excellence and innovation in teaching and learning, as well as research and knowledge exchange. The Faculty aims to produce citizens with a global perspective who are socially aware critical thinkers ready to embrace diversity, seeking to make an impact on society.



Dean's Message

Increasing competition in a globalised world requires smart, adaptable, and thoughtful solutions to complex social and economic problems. The Faculty of Social Sciences at The University of Hong Kong seeks to meet this challenge through innovative and relevant programmes such as our social innovation internship and our global citizenship requirement for an out-of-Hong-Kong experience. Our programmes provide students with expert guidance, new and broadening experiences, and time for reflection as well as opportunities for students to grow intellectually and to gain a better understanding of the contemporary world.

Over the past 50 years, the Faculty has been a leading centre for social science learning and research. We have launched a cross-faculty major in China Studies, together with the Faculty of Arts since 2013. We also have identified 4 strategic areas for the Faculty including China Studies, Non-government Organisations and Civil Society, Public Policy and Social and Cognitive Neuroscience. In the academic year 2016/17, the Faculty will launch the first "Bachelor of Social Sciences + Master of Arts" dual degree in HKU together with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. The Faculty is committed not only to equipping students with skills and knowledge for successful careers, but also cultivating the values that form the basis of socially responsible leadership.

The Faculty has a long tradition of producing leaders, a significant number of whom join the public sector in areas such as the civil service, education, or non-government social service organisations. Significant numbers also join the private sector. We have made important contributions to the advancement of knowledge as well as to social and public policy. I invite you to join the Faculty of Social Sciences to experience and explore for yourselves the intellectual challenges and opportunities offered by The University of Hong Kong.

Professor John P Burns
Dean

DEPARTMENTS

Geography

The Department is the first and foremost geography department in Hong Kong. It has trained nearly 3,000 graduates including some world-class academics, prominent government officials and business leaders, as well as senior professionals.

Students are offered a wide range of stimulating and well-structured courses that are grouped under four main themes: China and the Pacific Rim, environment and resources, tourism and leisure, and urban and transport. Majoring in Geography enables students to have an edge in the pursuit of careers in urban planning, transport logistics, environmental impact assessment, tourism, international trade, and public policy making.

Politics and Public Administration

The Department 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 and research.

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 public administration.



Psychology

The Department is the first department of psychology in Hong Kong. The pioneer spirit continues to push the Department to strive for excellence and break new grounds.

Through psychology, students can explore how the mind works, how we learn language and concepts, how family relationships affect our health, and how science can help us raise children more wisely.

Social Work and Social Administration

The Department has a strong background in providing quality-assured social work training. It has excellence in social work practice, social policy, and research.

Students are learning about the needs and problems of people and the provision of social services in a society. Social work will be of interest to students who wish to pursue a career in management and administration or in government or non-governmental organisations.

Sociology

The Department was established in 1967 at the same time as the Faculty of Social Sciences. It studies the cultures and societies of people around the world. It provides students with the sociological tools - theories and methods - to think about and analyse everyday life in Hong Kong, China, and the wider world.

社會科學學士 Bachelor of Social Sciences [BSocSc]

Code: 6717

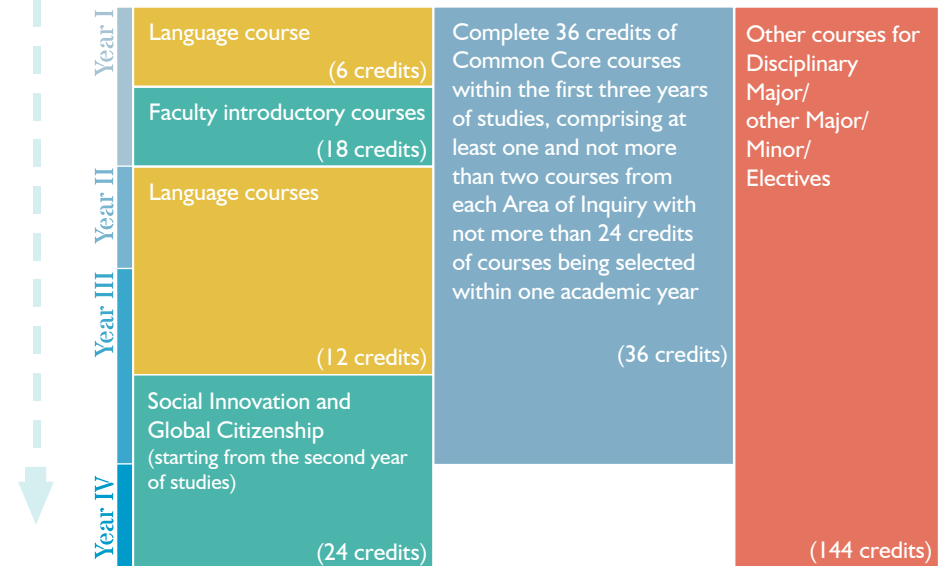
“ Students in this curriculum may choose to major in one of the six core disciplines: China Studies, Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Psychology, Social Work and Social Administration, and Sociology. Students may also opt for a double major in multidisciplinary options such as Cognitive Science, Counselling, Criminology, Media and Cultural Studies, and Urban Governance as well as other majors offered by the University. Students can choose to combine a major with one or two minors.

The Bachelor of Social Sciences curriculum requires all students as a condition of graduation, to undertake 24 credits (equivalent to 4 courses) of off-campus learning. 12 credits each must be taken in two areas: **Social Innovation** and **Global Citizenship**.

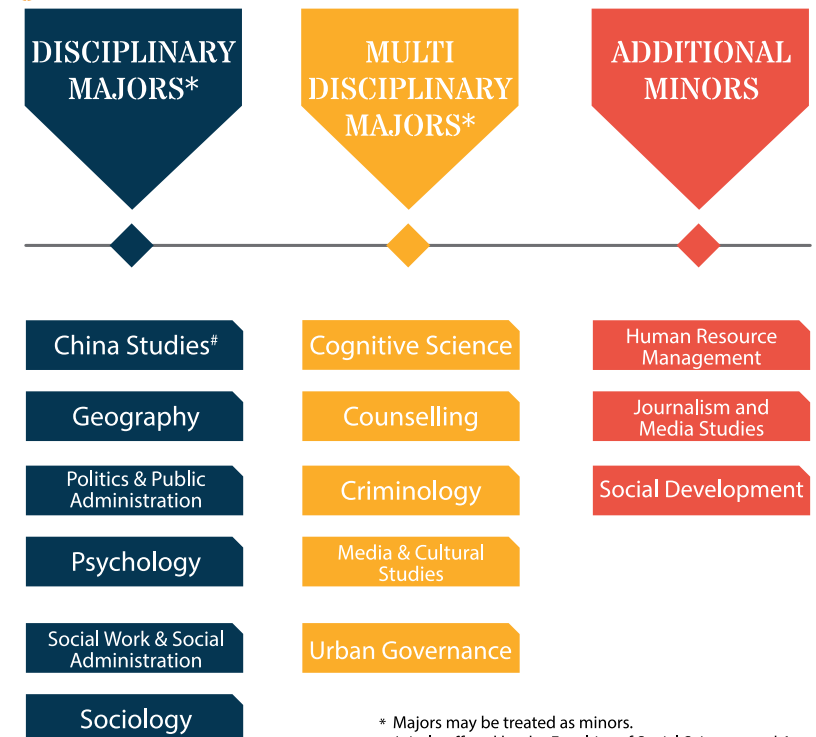
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Programme Structure of BSocSc



Programme within BSocSc



* Majors may be treated as minors.

[#] Jointly offered by the Faculties of Social Sciences and Arts.

Social Innovation and Global Citizenship

The Faculty has identified two overarching themes for its undergraduate curricula: **Social Innovation** and **Global Citizenship**. Students are required, as a condition of graduation, to undertake 24 credits of off-campus learning under these twin themes.

Social Innovation

We seek to nurture a good understanding of social issues through first-hand practical experience in local/overseas organisations; provide a training platform for students to apply knowledge and skills acquired at the University to real work situations; and assist students to become more socially aware, develop critical thinking and analytical ability so that they can identify practical solutions to complex problems as well as improve their interpersonal and communication skills.

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Global Citizenship

We seek to equip students with knowledge, skills, and values to participate as active citizens of the global village through our curriculum, student activities, and off-campus learning opportunities, including non-local internships, exchanges, and summer school programmes approved by the Faculty.

For more information, please visit the Faculty's Social Innovation and Global Citizenship website: www.socsc.hku.hk/sigc.



社會科學學士(政治學與法學) 及法學士(雙學位課程)

Bachelor of Social Sciences
(Government and Laws)
and Bachelor of Laws
[BSocSc(GL)&LLB] Code: 6810

“ Jointly offered by the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Faculty of Law, the programme enables students to study two curricula and be awarded two degrees upon completion. The curriculum consists of a combination of Social Sciences and Law courses.

Satisfactory completion of five years in the programme leads to the award of the degrees of Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB). Students may also choose at the end of the second year to exit with a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) only after completing the fourth year of study. The study of the fifth year for the two degrees is on a self-funded basis and the tuition fee is set at a higher level.”



BSocSc(G&L) & LLB Curriculum Structure

Year I	Language courses (12 credits)	Common Core courses (24 credits)	Law courses (30 credits)			
Year II			Introductory courses in SocSc/PPA (12 credits)			
Year III			Law courses (30 credits)			
Year IV		Social Innovation or Global Citizenship (12 credits)	Law courses (24 credits)			
Year V			Law courses (72 credits)	Capstone experience (6 credits)	Advanced courses in PPA (66 credits)	Free advanced electives (12 credits)

社會工作學學士 Bachelor of Social Work [BSW]

Code: 6731

“ The curriculum covers various disciplines, including social welfare and social policy, specialised social work theory and practice, human behaviour and social environment, social research, law, sociology, and psychology. In the second and third years of study, students are required to complete two skills laboratory courses and two theory courses all of which adopt the problem-based learning model. Students will have a field work placement arranged by the Department of Social Work and Social Administration in the summer between the third and fourth years of the curriculum. The placement, which lasts for ten weeks, takes place in local or overseas agencies under professional supervision. There is a second placement in the fourth year of study. On successful completion of the programme, students are eligible to apply for registration as Registered Social Workers with the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board.”

BSW Curriculum Structure

Year I	Language course (6 credits)	Common Core courses (18 credits)	
	Introductory core courses (30 credits)	Free elective (6 credits)	
Year II	Language courses (12 credits)	Common Core courses (12-18 credits)	Advanced core courses (24 credits)
	Introductory core course (6 credits)	Disciplinary elective (6 credits)	Free elective (0-6 credits)
Year III	Advanced core courses (39 credits)	Common Core courses (0-6 credits)	
	Disciplinary elective (6 credits)	Free electives (6-12 credits)	
Year IV	Advanced core courses (33 credits)	Free electives (24-30 credits)	



教育學士及社會科學學士

Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Social Sciences

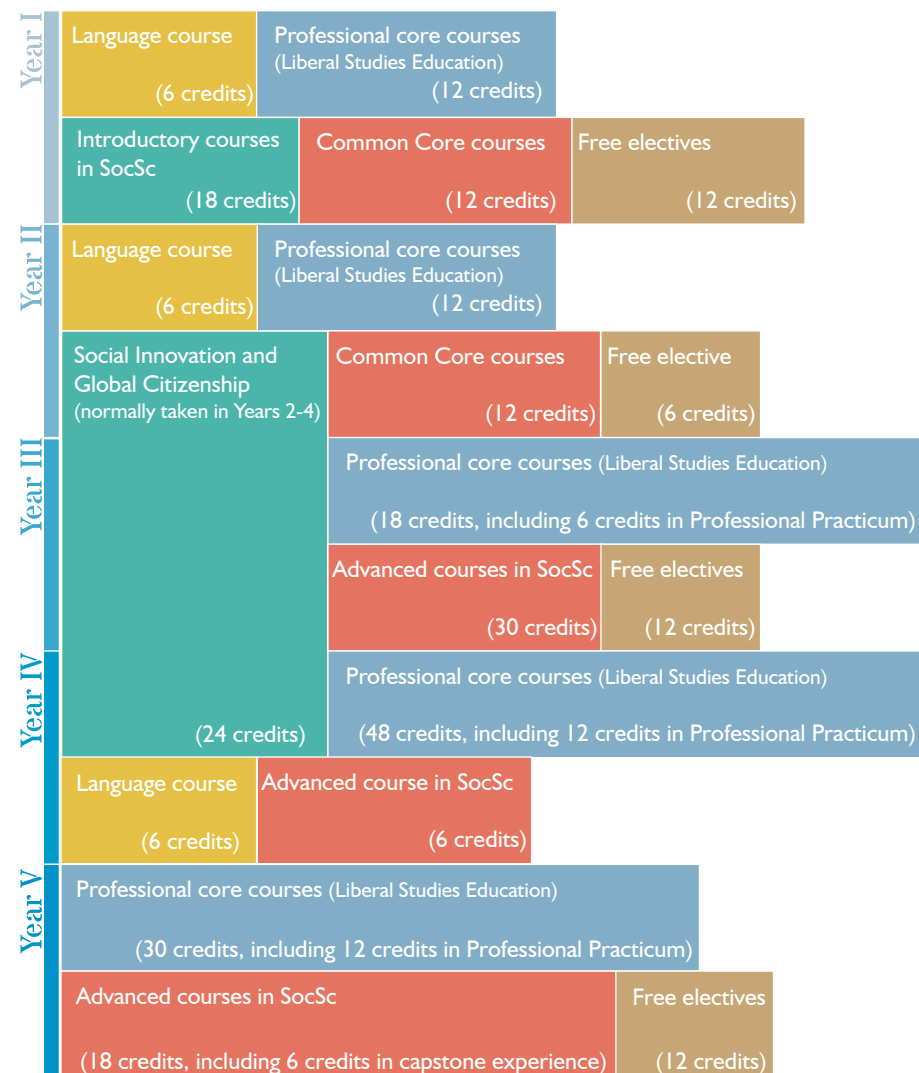
[BEd & BSocSc] Code: 6195

“ The double degree offers a qualification equivalent to a four-year honours degree in Social Sciences plus a one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Education. Students may major in one of the six core areas in the social sciences: China Studies, Geography, Politics and Public Administration, Psychology, Social Work and Social Administration, and Sociology. The curriculum is designed for students to complete two degrees in five years.

This double degree gives students a more integrated experience in Social Sciences and Liberal Studies education, allowing broader career prospects.



BEd&BSocSc Curriculum Structure



“ Using a multidisciplinary international curriculum, the programme covers professional skills, media studies, and liberal arts and social sciences (e.g. economics, politics, sociology, psychology, English, statistics). Starting from the second year, students will pursue an additional major drawn from the Faculties of Social Sciences, Arts, Business and Economics, Science, or Engineering. The programme’s convergent media approach offers students integrated training in print, broadcast and online media.

An internship programme administered by the Journalism and Media Studies Centre places all students in media jobs in Hong Kong and overseas. Students may also have an opportunity to spend one or two semesters at leading overseas journalism schools.

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BJ Curriculum Structure

Year I	Language course (6 credits)	2nd Major introductory courses (18 credits)		Common Core courses (36 credits)	Free electives (0-18 credits)
	Introductory core courses (24 credits)				
Year II	Language courses (12 credits)				
Year III	Advanced core courses (18 credits)	2nd Major advanced courses (54-72 credits)	Journalism summer internships (12 credits)		
	Global Citizenship (12 credits)				
Year IV	Disciplinary electives (24 credits)		Capstone experience (6 credits)		

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES

The University offers different kinds of exchange opportunities to all full-time undergraduate students with good academic and disciplinary standing. Students may apply for credit transfer and scholarship for their exchange studies.

Besides the University-level exchange programmes, the Faculty has also established undergraduate exchange programmes with universities in the Mainland and overseas to broaden students' exposure and facilitate cultural exchange. Each year, more than 300 students benefit from exchange programmes.



The 3 Campus East Asia is an initiative jointly launched by:

- Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, China
- International Centre, Keio University, Japan
- Underwood International College, Yonsei University, South Korea

Under this Programme, each institution selects a maximum of 10 second-year students to undertake one year of study at the 3 campuses, spread across 3 semesters.

Students from renowned overseas universities such as Cornell, Geneva, King's College London, Princeton, University of Southern California, etc., will also join the participants in South Korea and Hong Kong, which give an invaluable opportunity to students in establishing a worldwide network with excellent students from top universities.



Global Citizenship Summer Institute

The Global Citizenship Summer Institute (GCSI) seeks to provide a platform for Social Sciences students to step beyond their academic and physical borders, engaging in intellectual and experiential learning through participating in a four-week intensive study programme in Taiwan and South Korea.

Students will spend two weeks in Taiwan and another two weeks in South Korea attending academic lectures relating to focus areas, such as social, cultural, and political developments. Field visits to civil society organisations, political parties, and cultural sites will be organised to provide students with a more holistic understanding of Taiwanese and South Korean societies.





In collaboration with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva (Geneva), the Faculty will offer a concurrent degree “Bachelor of Social Sciences + Master of Arts” to BSocSc students. BSocSc students will complete 3 years of study at HKU and apply to Geneva for admission to one of their designated MA programmes, such as International Relations, International Economics, and International Law, etc. On admission, they will complete their HKU 4th year of study in Geneva taking graduate-level courses at the Graduate Institute, the credits for which will be transferred back to HKU. After successfully completing their 4th year of study for the BSocSc degree in Geneva, students may obtain the Bachelor degree of Social Sciences from HKU and stay on for an additional year to obtain an MA degree from Geneva. The learning experience at the Graduate Institute, which will include an internship in one of the 40 international organisations based in Geneva, can facilitate graduates to pursue careers in one of these organisations such as various UN Offices, WTO, and organisations in labour, telecommunications, human rights, HIV/AIDS etc.



<http://www.socsc.hku.hk/hku-geneva.html>



A new 4-year undergraduate dual degree, leading to the award of the Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSocSc) from HKU and a bachelor's degree from Sciences Po, will be offered. The total credit requirement is 300. Students will spend the first two years at Sciences Po (150 credits) and the final two years at HKU (150 credits).

Programmes at Sciences Po are taught in English (no French requirements for being admitted) with intensive French language classes for all non-francophone students. The goal of the dual degree is to become at least trilingual and proficient in both English and French.

The learning experience at Sciences Po not only facilitates your understanding and builds bridges between Asia and Europe, but also enhances your prospects further with multinational companies.



<http://www.socsc.hku.hk/hku-sciences-po.html>



CAREER PROSPECTS

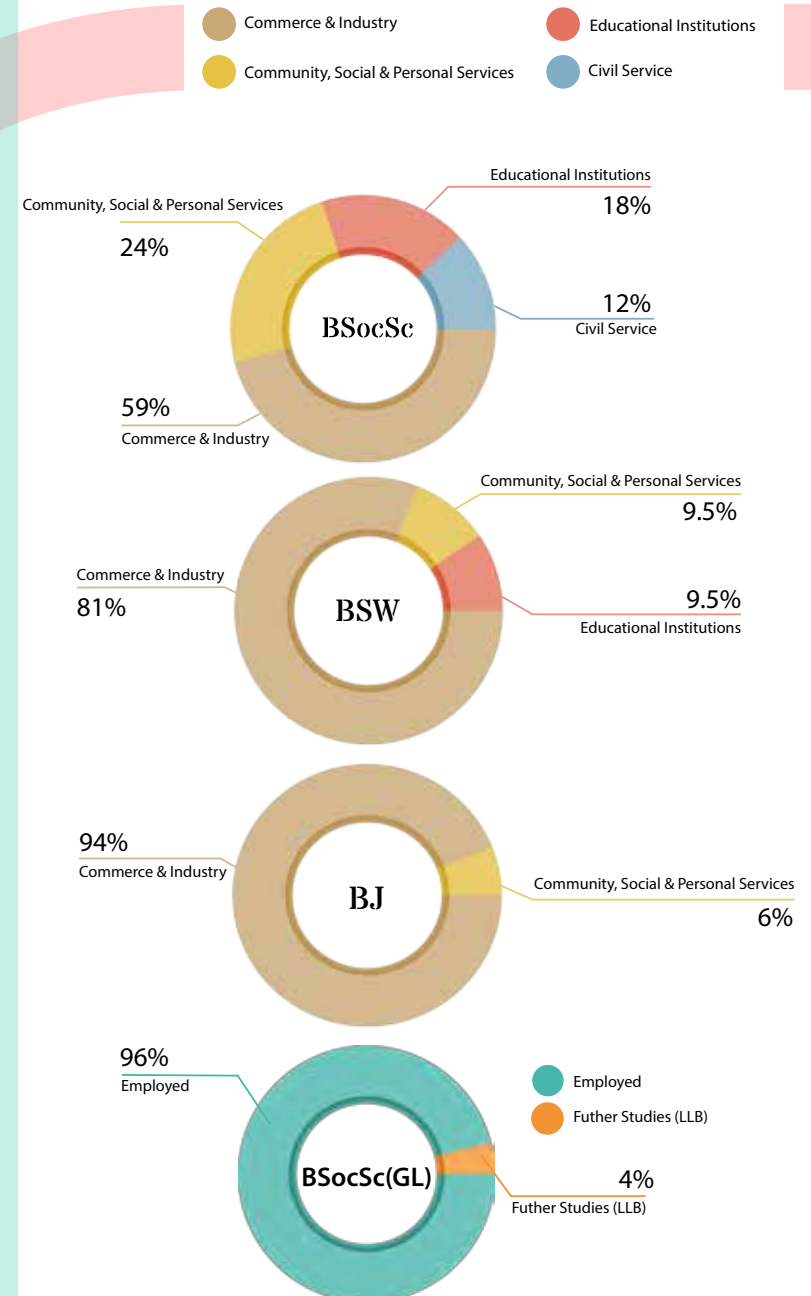
Graduate Employment

The Faculty of Social Sciences aims at achieving not only academic excellence but also young leaders with personal attributes which are valued by employers. Graduates are well equipped to pursue careers in government, politics, public corporations, community organisations, media, and the private sector. Career prospects are promising for social science graduates, and this is fully reflected in the outstanding achievements of our alumni in various sectors of society. Graduates who choose to further their studies are often accepted, with scholarships, by distinguished universities worldwide.

Graduates from the BSW programme are qualified for registration as Registered Social Workers. They are also competent to work as professional social workers in government or non-government organisations.



Employment Sectors in 2015



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

JUPAS

6717 Bachelor of Social Sciences

**6810 Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government & Laws)
and Bachelor of Laws**

6731 Bachelor of Social Work

6195 Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Social Sciences

6822 Bachelor of Journalism

To satisfy the minimum requirements for entrance to the University, each applicant shall gain the following in the HKDSE:

- (A) Level 3 or above in English Language;
- (B) Level 3 or above in Chinese Language;
- (C) Level 2 or above in Mathematics;
- (D) Level 2 or above in Liberal Studies; and
- (E) Level 3 or above in two Elective Subjects.

Notes:

1. 'Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education' is referred to as 'HKDSE'.
2. 'Attained with Distinction' in Applied Learning subjects will be used as additional supporting information. In the meantime, student learning experiences in Applied Learning subjects may be considered within the context of other learning experiences in their application.
3. Other Language subjects will be used as unspecified elective subjects. The minimum requirement is Grade E.
4. There is no additional requirement other than the University's minimum entrance requirements for all Social Sciences curricula, except 6810 Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws, which requires Level 5 and Level 4 or above for the English Language and Chinese Language, respectively, and Level 3 or above in Mathematics Compulsory Part and Liberal Studies.
5. The Faculty accepts combined certificates of HKDSE with no penalty. The best attempt of HKDSE subjects will within 2 years (including year applying for admissions) will be counted.

How to apply

If you are a student in a local school and wish to apply for admission on the strength of your HKDSE qualifications, you should make your application through the Joint University Programmes Admissions Systems (JUPAS) and refer to the JUPAS Guide for information on JUPAS procedures.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

NON-JUPAS

Faculty of Social Sciences at The University of Hong Kong welcomes applications for admission through the Non-JUPAS Admissions Scheme to our undergraduate programmes from international and local candidates who are not students in the mainstream schools in Hong Kong and who are not applying for admission on the strength of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education.

Due to the differences in educational systems, school-leaving qualifications that are acceptable for entrance to universities abroad may not necessarily be acceptable for entry into HKU. Details of the general university entrance requirements in respect of qualifications from different countries, please refer to <http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions>. If you are in doubt of your eligibility for undergraduate admission, please send details of your qualifications to admissions@hku.hk for advice.

Please note that admission is on a competitive basis. There are no fixed quotas for non-JUPAS applicants, the number of students that are admitted being a function of the number and quality of students applying each year from both the JUPAS and non-JUPAS schemes. Candidates having satisfied the minimum entrance requirements are eligible to apply for admission, which however does not necessarily guarantee admission to the University.

How to apply

Applicants should submit their online applications via



<http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions>

JUPAS and Non-JUPAS Enquiries

Admissions Office	G14, Ground Floor, Main Building, The University of Hong Kong
Telephone:	(852) 3917 5886
JUPAS Email:	connectu@hku.hk
Non-JUPAS Email:	admissions@hku.hk
Website:	http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions



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