

香港大學社會科學學院

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES · THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

# 中國研究

China Studies



## RATIONALE

The Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences joint major in China Studies addresses the growing interest in the academic study of China from a multi-disciplinary approach that includes both humanities and social sciences. Given China's place in the world an intensive study of the country and its peoples that focuses on its history, language, culture, politics, economics and society is crucial. Students as they prepare for their future careers will benefit from multi-disciplinary knowledge of historical and social change and development in China informed by rigorous empirical research in the humanities and social sciences. In addition to rigorous training in China studies, the programme also allows students a) to integrate a possible second major with a better understanding of China as an empirical case, and b) to develop their interest as well as to enhance their academic ability in area studies.

A joint cross-Faculty programme offered with two streams - one *Arts* and the other in *Social Sciences* - provides the most suitable platform for developing such a programme for both international and local students. International students in both streams, may take Chinese language courses (indeed, they are required to achieve a certain level of competence in the language if they join the arts stream). The programme also offers experiential learning opportunities and exchanges that focus on China studies on the mainland, Taiwan, or any University overseas that offers courses on China to all student majors (indeed, Social Sciences students are required to undertake an internship and an out-of-Hong Kong programme to graduate).

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the programme are to:

1. Provide students with solid general knowledge of historical and social change and development in China, particularly in the areas of history, culture, politics, social development, urban and regional development, and emerging social and economic issues in the context of historical and economic transformation.
2. Enhance students' ability to exercise critical judgment of humanities and social science subjects and current issues concerning China's development.
3. Provide students with the opportunity to develop a grounded understanding of historical and social change and development in China through experiential learning activities (e.g. exchange, fieldwork and internships).
4. Equip students with the basic theoretical and methodological training to enable them to pursue further study at the postgraduate level on China studies and/or Asian studies.
5. Enhance students' awareness of social issues and problems in China and prepare them for advocacy of improving the human condition in China.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE – SOCIAL SCIENCES STREAM <sup>^</sup>

This programme is mainly composed of existing courses on China offered by various departments and schools of the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences. On commencement of their study in the major, all students will take one introductory course on China (6 credits). Apart from a small number of Faculty-specific requirements students have complete freedom to choose electives from all China studies-related courses offered by either Faculty.

Social Sciences stream students are further required to complete an advanced course on contemporary China studies and a course on research methodology; to complete a 'social innovation' internship (12 credits) and an out-of-Hong Kong 'global citizenship' exchange or experience (12 credits).

Candidates who wish to major (96 credits) in China Studies must complete:

### a) Introductory courses (18 credits)

- i) Compulsory courses (6 credits)  
SINO1003. Greater China: a multi-disciplinary introduction
- ii) Pre-requisite course (12 credits)  
Two 6-credit courses from the Faculty of Social Sciences

### b) Advanced courses (78 credits)

- i) Compulsory courses (12 credits)

SINO2003. Contemporary China studies: issues and perspectives

### AND

GEOG2120. Introductory spatial analysis; **OR**  
POLI2104. Research methods in politics and public administration; **OR**  
SOCI2030. Quantitative research methods; **OR**  
SOWK2143. Social research methods

- ii) Capstone experience (6 credits)

SINO3002. Directed project

- iii) Disciplinary elective courses (60 credits)

Social Innovation requirement <sup>#</sup>	12 credits for FOSS2018 Social Innovation internship
Exchange studies*	12 credits for fulfilling Global Citizenship requirement 12 credits counted towards disciplinary elective courses
Disciplinary elective courses	24 credits of disciplinary elective courses

<sup>^</sup> For Arts Stream, please visit <http://www.chinast.hku.hk/programme.html> for details.

<sup>#</sup> Non-Social Sciences students may opt for 12 credits of courses from the disciplinary elective list if they do not wish to enroll in Social Innovation.

\* Non-Social Sciences students may opt for the exchange or enroll in any other 24 credits of courses under the disciplinary elective list.