JUPAS CODE: JS6810

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

GOVERNMENT & LAWS

ADMISSIONS 2024
LAW AND POLITICS AT HKU: HISTORY

• Government and Laws was first taught as an integrated discipline at HKU in 1924, when George Keeton (the future Dean of Laws and Vice-Provost of University College London) became the inaugural Lecturer of Political Science and Jurisprudence at HKU.

• The double degree of Government and Laws admitted its first cohort in 1999.
  • Always one of the most selective programs at HKU; consistently amongst the top 10
HKU GLaws is jointly offered by the Department of Politics and Public Administration ("PPA", Faculty of Social Sciences) and the Department of Law (Faculty of Law), each ranked high internationally.

- Times Higher Education World University Ranking (2024)
  - HKU PPA: 35; HKU Law 29
MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY: TWO TRACKS

JS6810: HKU GOVERNMENT AND LAWS

Choice of Track made at the end of Year 2

4-Year Single Degree Track
BSS(GL) degree
MPhil., MA, MMgt, LLM, MPA, MPH, etc.
Diverse career paths

5-Year Double Degree Track
BSS(GL) degree & LLB degree
PCLL
Trainee Solicitor
Pupil Barrister

Diverse career paths
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

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
Practical Chinese and Free Electives

5-YEAR TRACK:
BSS(GL) & LLB

2 DEGREES IN
5 YEARS
4-YEAR TRACK: BSS(GL)

1 DEGREE, 2 MAJORS IN PPA AND IN LEGAL STUDIES

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
# CREDITS IN THE 2 TRACKS

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<th>4-Year Single Degree</th>
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<td>Common Core courses</td>
<td>36 credits</td>
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<td>PPA major</td>
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<td>Law professional core/Legal Studies major</td>
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<td>Advanced free electives</td>
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<td><strong>(around 40 courses)</strong></td>
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STREAMS WITHIN PPA

• Comparative Politics
  • Hong Kong Politics
  • Politics and Economic Reform in China

• Political Theory and Ethics
  • Democracy and its Critics
  • Capitalism and Social Justice
STREAMS WITHIN PPA

• **International Politics**
  • International Relations of East Asia
  • International Development

• **Public Administration**
  • Bureaucracy and the Public
  • Nonprofit Management
LAW COURSES

• Core Law Courses
  • Contract Law
  • Criminal Law

• Law Electives
  • Animal Law
  • Clinical Legal Education
  • Comparative Family Law
MULTIPLE EXCHANGE OPTIONS

- HKU Worldwide Undergraduate Student Exchange Programme
- Faculty of Social Sciences Exchange Programme
- Faculty of Law Exchange Programme
- Faculty of Law Self-Funded Visiting Student Scheme
SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

- Scholarship for incoming and current students offered by HKU
- Scholarship and prizes offered to current students by the faculties and external donors
- HKU Worldwide Student Exchange Scholarships
- In addition, our students have been quite successful in obtaining full scholarships to pursue postgraduate studies at places such as Harvard and Oxford.
ALUMNI NON-LAW CAREERS

Business and Banking

• JP Morgan
• Goldman Sachs
• Barclays
• Cathay Pacific Airways

Public Sector

• Administrative Officers (AOs)
• Securities & Futures Commission
• Hong Kong Airport Authority
• Trade Development Council
ALUMNI NON-LAW CAREERS

RESEARCH/TEACHING

- HKU
- CUHK
- University of Oxford
- UCL
- Pennsylvania State University
- Utrecht University

NGOs

- Oxfam
- Friends of the Earth

JOURNALISM

- RTHK
ALUMNI LEGAL CAREERS

SOLICITORS
• Allen & Overy
• Slaughter & May
• Davis Polk
• Deacons
• Herbert Smith Freehills
• King and Wood Mallesons
• Mayer Brown
• Reed Smith Richards Butler
• White & Case

BARRISTERS
• Temple Chambers
• Des Voeux Chambers
• Parkside Chambers
• Plowman Chambers

GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE
• Department of Justice
• Legal Aid Department
• Judicial Assistant at the Court of Final Appeal
TUITION FEES

First 4 years of studies:

- Standard tuition fees
- $42,100 for local students (2023 intake)

For the optional year(s) of studies for the LLB (Year 5):

- Tuition fees will be set at a level higher than the standard fees.
- $85,000 for local students, $182,000 for non-local students (2023 intake)
ADMISSION SCORES

DSE Best Six (much higher than HKU minimum):

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Conversion of levels to scores (Category A): 5**=8.5, 5*=7, 5=5.5, 4=4, 3=3, 2=2, 1=1

IB: 38/42 (expected)
OTHER ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Admissions decisions are based on academic merit.
First year intake: 50

• In 2023, a total of 410 students applied to HKU GLaws (JS6810).
• No applicant who placed GLaws in Bands B to E has been admitted.

NORMALLY No interviews for JUPAS applicants, except for:

• School Principal’s Nominations (SPN)
• Other Experiences & Achievements in Competitions/Activities (OEA)
• Multi-faceted Excellence Scholarship Scheme (MES)
• Sports Scholarship Scheme (SSS)
• Applicants with Disabilities

Interviews may be held for shortlisted non-JUPAS applicants.
INSTAGRAM QR CODES

Department of PPA

Politics and Public Administration, HKU (@ppa_hku... www.instagram.com

A sample course IG (by Dr. Norbert Chan)

Public admin and policy @ PPA (@course.updates) •... www.instagram.com
PROUD TO BE A GLAWYER.
FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE: CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES
GENDER EQUALITY IN HONG KONG AND BEYOND

REGIONALISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: TO BE OR NOT TO BE
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS
WITH COMMENTARY FROM PROFESSOR KERRY BROWN, DIRECTOR OF LAU CHINA INSTITUTE, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

MARCH ISSUE 2021

MAY ISSUE 2021
GL Admissions Talk

• CPD-LG 18, The Jockey Tower, Centennial Campus
• 1pm