



THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

JUPAS CODE: JS6810

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

**GOVERNMENT &
LAWS**

ADMISSIONS 2024



LAW AND POLITICS AT HKU: HISTORY

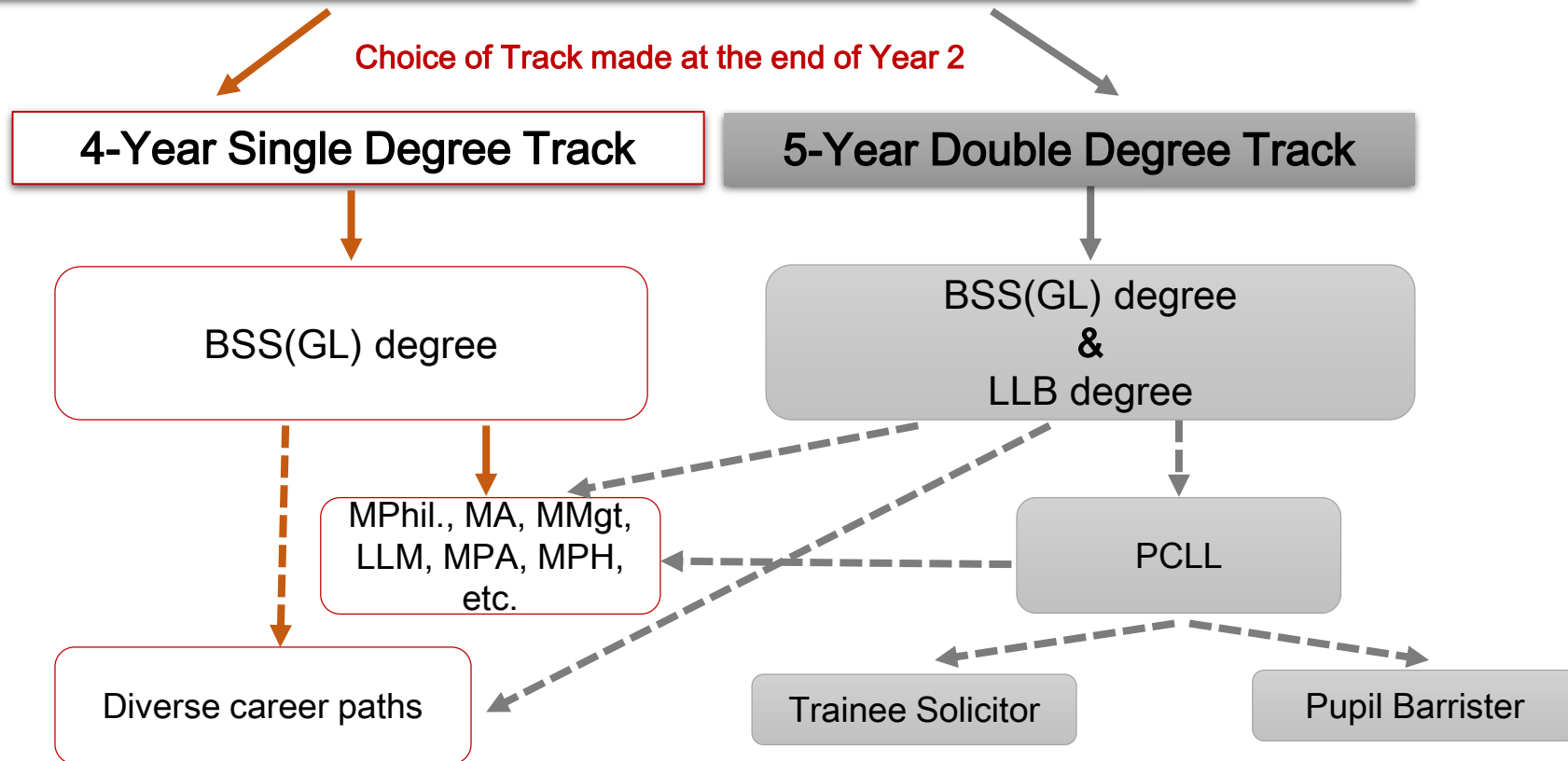
- Government and Laws was first taught as an integrated discipline at HKU in 1924, when George Keeton (the future Dean of Laws and Vice-Provost of University College London) became the inaugural Lecturer of Political Science and Jurisprudence at HKU.
- The double degree of Government and Laws admitted its first cohort in 1999.
 - Always one of the most selective programs at HKU; consistently amongst the top 10

TEACHING DEPARTMENTS

- HKU GLaws is jointly offered by the **Department of Politics and Public Administration** (“PPA”, Faculty of Social Sciences) and **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



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 3

PPA major courses

3 PPA electives
Global Citizenship or Social Innovation

Law core courses

Criminal Law I; Criminal Law II
Land Law I; Land Law II

Chinese language courses/ free electives

Practical Chinese and Free Electives

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

Free Electives

5-YEAR TRACK: BSS(GL) & LLB

2 DEGREES IN 5 YEARS

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 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 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 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

4-YEAR TRACK: BSS(GL)

1 DEGREE, 2 MAJORS IN PPA AND IN LEGAL STUDIES

CREDITS IN THE 2 TRACKS

	4-Year Single Degree	5-Year Double Degree
Language courses	12 credits	12 credits
Common Core courses	36 credits	24 credits
PPA major	96 credits	96 credits
Law professional core/ Legal Studies major	72 credits	156 credits
Advanced free electives	24 credits	12 credits
Total credits:	<u>240 credits</u> (around 40 courses)	<u>300 credits</u> (around 50 courses)

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):

Upper quartile	Median	Lower quartile
41	38	38

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) •...

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PROFESSOR KERRY BROWN

DR. KAEWKAMOL PITAKDUMRONGKIT

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PUBLIC JURIST

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



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GL Admissions Talk

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