



THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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

**GOVERNMENT & LAWS
DOUBLE DEGREE**



Admissions 2018/2019

Mission:
**To educate principled leaders who would
advance the public interest and
the rule of law.**

WHAT IS HKU GOVERNMENT & LAWS?

HKU Government & Laws (HKU GLaws) is a highly competitive undergraduate education programme that no serious student can afford to overlook.

Since 1999, HKU GLaws has brought forth cohort after cohort of outstanding lawyers in public and private practice, government administrative officers (AOs), professors, business professionals, and leaders of the non-profit sector. The programme's mission is to educate principled leaders who would advance the public interest and the rule of law by offering innovative solutions to problems confronting our society and beyond.

WHY STUDY GOVERNMENT & LAWS TOGETHER?

Government and laws naturally go together. Politics gives rise to laws, and laws supply the framework through which public policy is debated, made, and enforced.

The most important developments in our present age regularly feature the intersection of government and laws, be it BREXIT, nuclear disarmament on the Korean peninsula, trade disputes between major powers, transnational terrorism and human rights abuses, China's Belt-Road Initiative, and so on. It is virtually impossible for anyone interested in a career in law, public service, international service, transnational commerce and business, and non-governmental organisations to stand out of the crowd nowadays without a grasp of the principles and practice of government and laws.



“Good laws, if they are not obeyed, do not constitute good government.”

Aristotle (384-322 BC)
Father of Western Philosophy

WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT HKU GLAWS?

HKU GLaws has a distinct educational approach.

Unlike the stand-alone law degree, HKU GLaws draws on multiple disciplines such as comparative politics, political philosophy, international relations, and public administration to nurture top-notch thinkers who are competent at attacking legal problems from all angles.



“The HKU GLaws curriculum has always been the correct choice for me. It was not just the training in analytical and critical thinking which proved to be invaluable to my career but my social awareness was greatly aroused. GLaws students will develop correct social values, gain positive attitudes and learn skill sets in human relations, leadership and management – all most useful for one's personal development.”

Angie Lo, '04
Partner,
Holman Fenwick Willan



“The thought-provoking education offered by HKU GLaws has empowered me to always challenge my own limits. This ethos has landed me positions far removed from government and laws, such as working with the directors' office of a Hong Kong listed conglomerate, as well as taking up leading positions in various non-profit communities. Today, I am advancing my career in a leading law firm, backed by solid training in government and laws and diverse experiences in business.”

Sharon Tam, '13
Associate,
Mayer Brown JSM

HKU GLaws is the first and foremost educational programme of its kind in East Asia, and it provides its students with great flexibility.

HKU GLaws students enjoy the flexible option of graduating with an BSocSc (Govt&Laws) degree in 4 years, or an BSocSc (Govt & Laws) & LLB double degree in 5 years. The latter is the only programme in East Asia that allows for the completion of a qualifying common law degree and a degree in social sciences in one integrated programme of study. An BSocSc and an LLB, if studied separately, would normally take 8 years in total.

Be part of an eminent tradition

HKU counts among its alumni Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Founding President of Modern China; Lim Bo Seng, Singapore's national hero; Fu Bingchang, China's ambassador to Belgium and the Soviet Union; judges of the former Supreme Court of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, and numerous first-class legal minds whose impact can be felt beyond Hong Kong. Politics and public administration have been taught at HKU for more than one century, since 1915, training generations after generations of public servants. Becoming an HKU GLaws student means following their footsteps towards greatness.





“Choosing HKU GLaws was one of the best decisions I have ever made. The intellectually stimulating and dynamic programme provided an incredibly rewarding learning experience. The interdisciplinary study of law and politics established a solid foundation for me to pursue a legal career in the public service. The values instilled in me by HKU GLaws are all the more important and relevant as I perform my duties as a public prosecutor – to act in the public interest at all times while applying the rule of law in a just and fair manner.”

Winnie Mok, '05

Senior Public Prosecutor,
Department of Justice,
Government of the Hong Kong SAR

“HKU GLaws was my top choice. I have no doubts that this was a wise decision, regardless of the political atmosphere. GLaws does not merely manufacture lawyers or public leaders mechanistically. Instead, it equips future public leaders with first rate legal knowledge, and prospective lawyers with the right attitudes and values. It is an appropriate educational approach in an era in which right and wrong seem to be so blurred. Any student enrolled in the programme will be able to see how intertwined government and laws are, and why they should be.”

Aaron Lam, '11

Government Counsel,
Department of Justice,
Government of the Hong Kong SAR



“Because of the unique intellectual stimulation from HKU GLaws, I never see law books as being only rules and systems; but reflections of history, values of society, and determinants of social justice for the present and future. The exceptional vision instilled in me by the programme opened doors for rigorous academic training at Oxford University, and careers in the HKSAR Government and the international development NGO Oxfam. Only with a broad perspective could I have realized that career paths can be horizontal, which for me is the most fruitful way to enrich life and serve the world.”

Heidi Hung, '03

PhD Student in Public Health

Former Global Campaign Coordinator, Oxfam Hong Kong

Former Senior Administrative Officer, Government of the Hong Kong SAR

Rhodes Scholar

MSt in Legal Research graduate, University Oxford

Study at Asia's Global University.

HKU's Department of Politics and Public Administration and Faculty of Law are consistently ranked among the top in Asia and worldwide. Becoming an HKU GLaws student means having access to over 100 international experts on law and/or politics, many of whom conduct state-of-the-art research into how societies should be organised and governed.

Meet the Programme Directors.

The Directors of HKU GLaws are Professor Joseph C.W. Chan (Politics and Public Administration) and Associate Professor Eric C. Ip (Law), both of whom received their doctoral degrees from the University of Oxford, home to some of the most brilliant thinkers and practitioners of politics and laws who have ever lived.



Professor Joseph C. W. Chan

researches in the areas of Confucian political philosophy, contemporary liberalism and perfectionism, human rights, and civil society. His award-winning book *Confucian Perfectionism: A Political Philosophy for Modern Times* was published by Princeton University Press. He has recently been named a Global Scholar of Princeton University in recognition of his contributions to his field of research.



Associate Professor Eric C. Ip, '08

himself a graduate of HKU GLaws, is an expert in comparative administrative law, the field that studies how and why laws that regulate government action vary across different jurisdictions and historical periods. Currently co-editing *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Administrative Law*, he is also the author of the leading textbook on Hong Kong's legal system.

CAREER PATHS

HKU GLaws is an excellent choice regardless of whether you intend to become a lawyer in Hong Kong or not.



“The interdisciplinary and philosophical training offered by HKU GLaws has provided me with a strong foundation for rigorous intellectual analysis of complicated legal issues in litigation and arbitration.”

Giselle Yuen, '11
Associate,
Herbert Smith Freehills



“Even with the benefit of hind-sight and as a barrister now, I had absolutely no hesitation in choosing HKU GLaws over other options. The programme was a precious and fruitful experience of self-discovery.”

Connie Lee, '04
Barrister-at-Law,
Des Voeux Chambers
BCL graduate, University of Oxford

Hong Kong law is not identical to the law of other common law jurisdictions. If you wish to practice law in Hong Kong as a solicitor or a barrister, but choose to complete a qualifying law degree overseas, you would normally be required to pass Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) conversion examinations in subjects like Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, Commercial Law, Evidence, Business Associations, Hong Kong Constitutional Law, Hong Kong Legal System, and Hong Kong Land Law.

By contrast, it is normally unnecessary for GLaws students to take conversion examinations prior to applying for a place of study on the PCLL, for the five-year HKU GLaws Double Degree Programme already consists of a qualifying Hong Kong law degree.



“HKU GLaws is the ultimate choice for any student who has an interest in law and public affairs. GLaws graduates generally enjoy bright career prospects. Are you looking for a programme that offers world class teaching in law and public affairs with the benefits of flexibility? Look no further. HKU GLaws is your destination.”

Jet Luk, '10

Legal Aid Counsel,
Legal Aid Department,
Government of the Hong Kong SAR

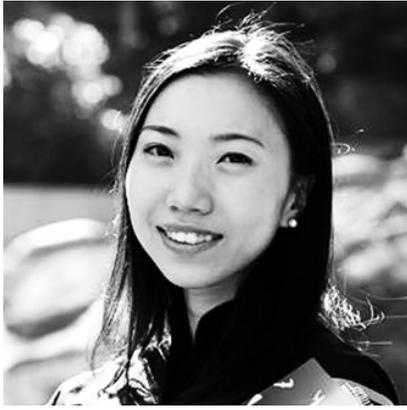


“HKU GLaws endows its students with a distinct way of thinking analytically and creatively. The essential tools of legal thought and the spirit of public service imbued in the programme have undoubtedly played an important role in my work as a Public Prosecutor.”

Edward Lau, '10

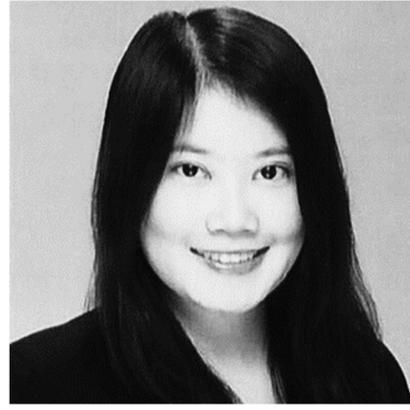
Public Prosecutor,
Department of Justice,
Government of the Hong Kong SAR





“HKU GLaws is a multidisciplinary and challenging programme, which allows students to have a broad perspective on international politics and law, while looking in-depth into political concepts and local social issues. With vibrant interaction with renowned professors and bright peers, the programme has equipped us with the essential organisation and analytical skills, and critical thinking, which are important for any career, be it in law, public services or elsewhere.”

Veronica Tse, '09
Administrative Officer,
Government of the Hong Kong SAR



“Through lectures and dynamic small group tutorial discussions, we were able to develop the ability and confidence to make a good case for the public interest and the rule of law. The practical knowledge and skills that I learnt from the programme have served me well in my career with the government.”

Joanna Tsui, '12
Administrative Officer,
Government of the Hong Kong SAR

Employers look not only for employees who are skilled in one professional discipline, but also knowledge in multiple fields to address the numerous significant issues that confront modern public and private organisations. HKU GLaws enables you to acquire critical skills from a wide range of disciplines: political economy, philosophy, and law to strengthen your competitiveness. Knowledge of the law is considered an asset in many areas of employment. Most HKU GLaws graduates have found positions in the legal and government sectors, but others have also excelled in a diverse variety of career fields such as journalism, business, academia, and non-government organisations.

CURRICULUM

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

Years 3 & 4, 4-year degree

PPA major courses

8 PPA Electives and Capstone course
Global Citizenship or Social Innovation

Law core courses

Guided Research

Common core courses

Two Common Core Courses

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 3-5, 5-year double degree

PPA major courses

8 PPA electives and Capstone course
Global Citizenship or Social Innovation

Law core courses

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

AN ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



GOVERNMENT & LAWS
COMMITTEE
PPAA SSS HKUSU
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The **Government and Laws Committee PPAA SSS HKUSU (GLC)** (www.facebook.com/hkuglc), established in April 2018 with the support of the HKU GLaws Programme, is an active student-driven community dedicated to fostering a supportive atmosphere for GLaws students. Bringing together current students and alumni, the GLC is committed to promoting a stronger understanding of issues that lie at the nexus of law and politics at the international and domestic levels. Through its five departments, the GLC delivers tailor-made services to GLaws students, such as mentorship schemes, career workshops, and examination support. The GLC also publishes the *Hong Kong Journal of Law and Public Affairs*.

The GLC is hosted by Politics and Public Administration Association SSS HKUSU (PPAA), established in 1973 as Hong Kong's first global public affairs society. All HKU GLaws students who are members of PPAA automatically become part of the GLC.



JUPAS ADMISSIONS

Minimum entrance requirements for HKDSE

Core Subjects	Minimum Level
CHINESE LANGUAGE	4
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	5
LIBERAL STUDIES	3
MATHEMATICS COMPULSORY PART	3
ANY 2 SUBJECTS	3

In 2017, a total of 568 students applied to HKU GLaws (JS6810). Out of the 109 students who placed GLaws in Band A, 43 were given offers. No applicant who has placed GLaws in Bands B to E has been admitted.

Admissions Scores of HKDSE Applicants Admitted (2017)

Selection Principle	Upper Quartile	Median	Lower Quartile
4C + 2X	36	34	33

For applicants with more than one sitting of HKDSE, only the best results in Years 2017 and 2018 would be considered.

NON-JUPAS ADMISSIONS

Applications based on qualifications other than the HKDSE will be assessed based on the information and supporting documents provided, such as past academic records, personal statements, and referees' report. Interviews may be required.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees for the first four years of studies will be the same as the standard fees for other undergraduate programmes (the fee for 2017-2018 was HK\$42,100 per year). For the optional year(s) of studies for the LLB, tuition fees will be set at a level higher than the standard fees.

HKU GLaws opens up opportunities wherever its students go. Over the past two decades, it has established an internationally recognised brand name for quality multidisciplinary legal education.



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