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**Man is by nature a political animal.**

— Aristotle



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To all new students at GPA:

On behalf of the GPA Department, I would like to welcome you all to the Department. At the same time, as a GPA graduate, I look forward to accompanying you on your University journey.

The GPA Department has accumulated a profound and fine tradition since its establishment at CUHK fifty years ago in 1970. The Department has traditionally focused on achieving the proper balance of students' intellectual development and knowledge building. On the one hand, a conscientious effort has been devoted to cultivating students' sensitivity to political and social issues, ability to perform independent thinking and critical analysis and to exercise discriminative judgement, and capacity to behave socially and politically responsibly. On the other hand, the orientation of knowledge building has set academic theories in the three disciplines of political studies, namely, political science, public administration, and international relations, as foundation and their application as the core, with the cause on advancing social development and solving practical political and policy problems. As for talent training, we have been committed to nurture academic agenda-setting researchers, responsible public administrative executives, caring political leaders, and global-focused international organization management practitioners.

The GPA Department is proud of having graduated a large pool of talented students, spreading across the political circle, the public sector, the commercial industry, and the academic community. Among those well-known graduates are Dr. Priscilla Mei-fun Leung,

an incumbent Legislative Councillor; Dr. Kenneth Kallok Chan, the former Chairman of the Civic Party; Ms. Carol Yip, Director of Social Welfare Department; Mr. Lo Wing Hung, the Publisher/Chief Curator of Bastille Post; and Prof. Shui-Yan Tang, Frances R. and John J. Duggan Professor in Public Administration at the University of Southern California. There is much for junior graduates and current students to learn from these senior GPA alumni and to take their achievements as your career inspiration. In building and extending the alumni network, the GPA Alumni Association serves importantly the networking purpose of connecting alumni together with the Department and promoting active interactions among them.

The intimate teacher-student relationship is the long-established construct framed out of the Department's conscious effort, which is aspired to maintain the close connection and benign interaction between the teachers and the students in the teaching and learning process for achieving the mutual benefits of education transcendence. In this regard, the bridging role of the GPA Society is very important.

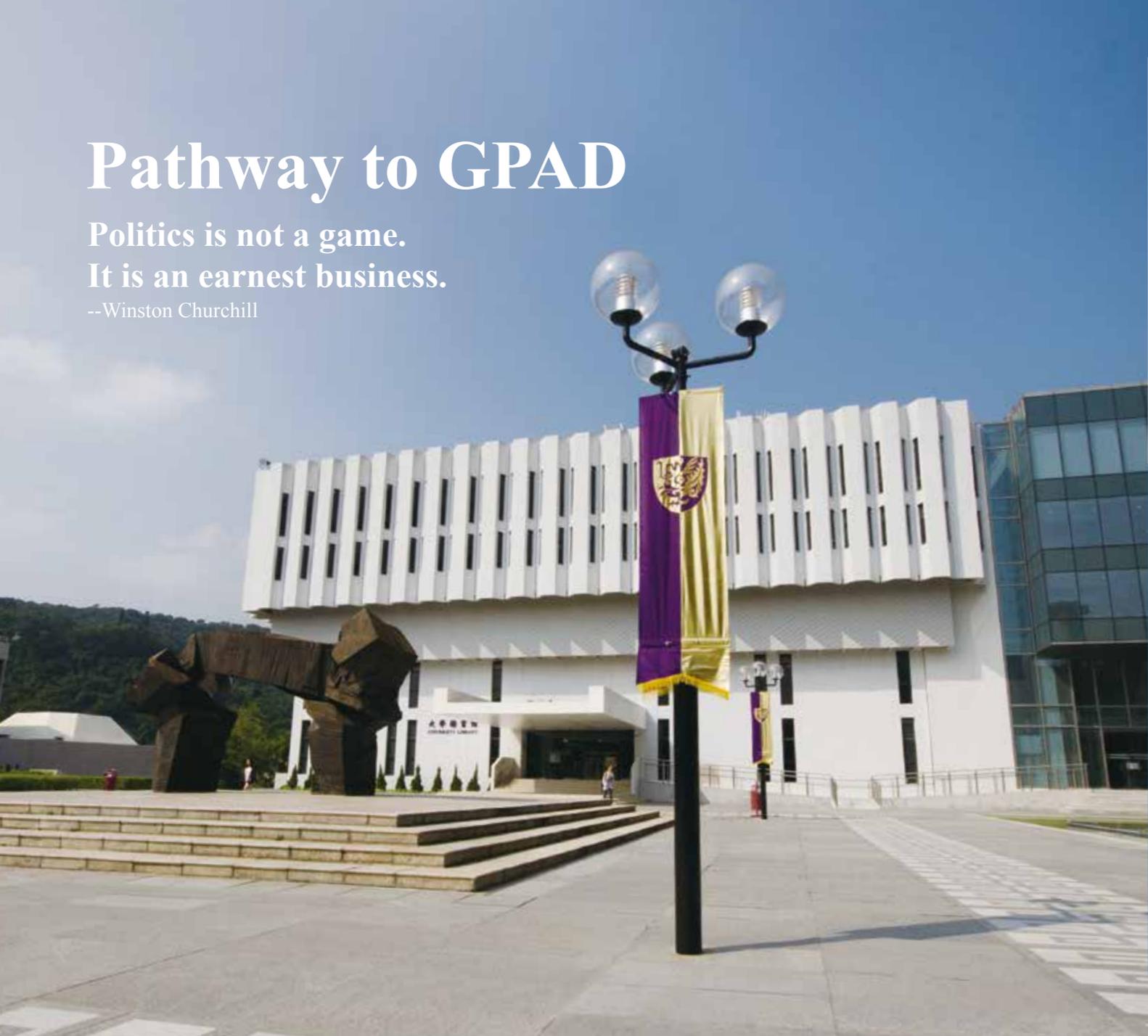
I wish you all a fruitful University life in the coming four years with the success of finding the directions in your study, career and life. I anticipate walking with you in the Department through the most important and meaningful stages of your personal development.

Professor Carlos Lo Wing-hung

# Pathway to GPAD

Politics is not a game.  
It is an earnest business.

--Winston Churchill



## Diversified Courses

Founded in 1970, the Department of Government and Public Administration (“GPAD”) has been one of the largest departments of Government and Public Administration in Hong Kong. The study of government and public administration is a discipline which systematically investigates political systems and political phenomenon. It consists of three major parts, namely politics, public administration and international relations. GPAD offers a variety of courses for our undergraduate students. Other than required courses, there are also a number of elective courses under five categories, including Comparative Politics, Greater China, International Relations, Political Theory and Public Administration and Policy. On one hand, our courses cultivate students’ academic abilities through learning of theories and empirical research. On the other hand, GPAD broaden students’ horizons through research in regional and international relations. Students will receive a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Science when they have completed their undergraduate studies in GPAD. GPAD also offers postgraduate programmes, including Master of Social Science (MSSc) in Government and Politics (Greater China), Master of Social Science (MSSc) in Public Policy, Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), providing compact academic trainings for postgraduate students.

## Small Group Tutorials

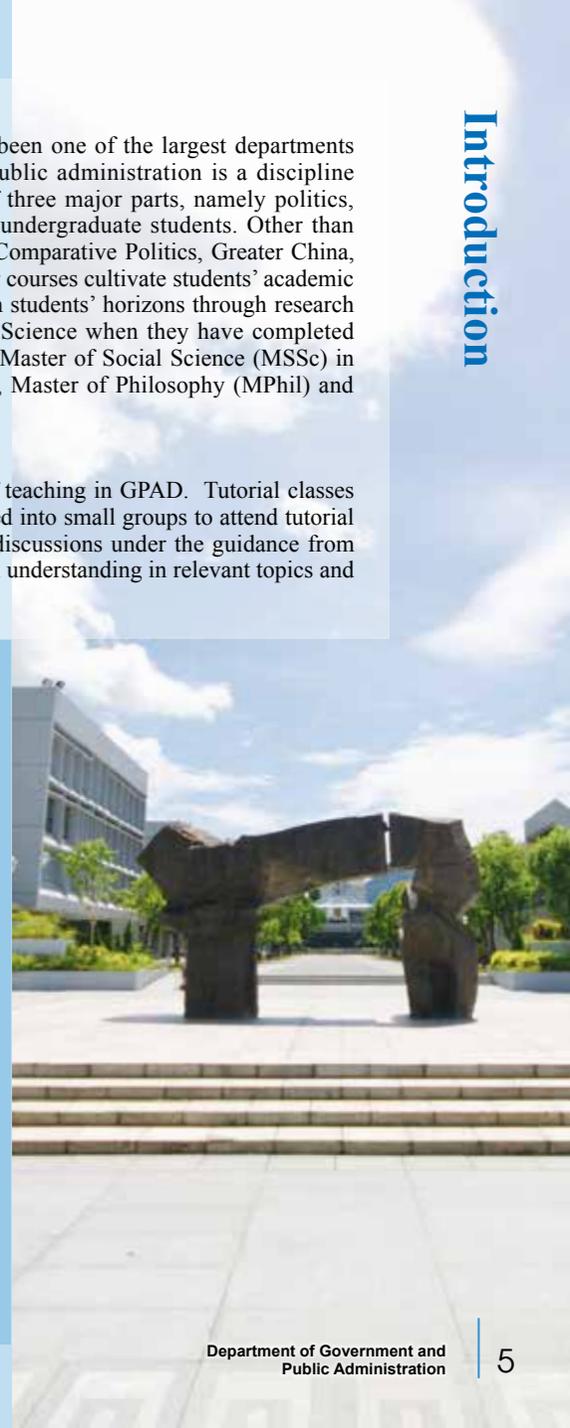
GPAD emphasizes small class teaching and tutorial sessions. This is one of the key features of teaching in GPAD. Tutorial classes would be arranged for most of the GPA courses on top of the lectures. Students would be divided into small groups to attend tutorial classes during which they would make oral presentations and participate in interactive class discussions under the guidance from teachers and teaching assistants alike. The tutorial classes allow students to have a more in-depth understanding in relevant topics and cultivate students’ abilities of independent thinking.

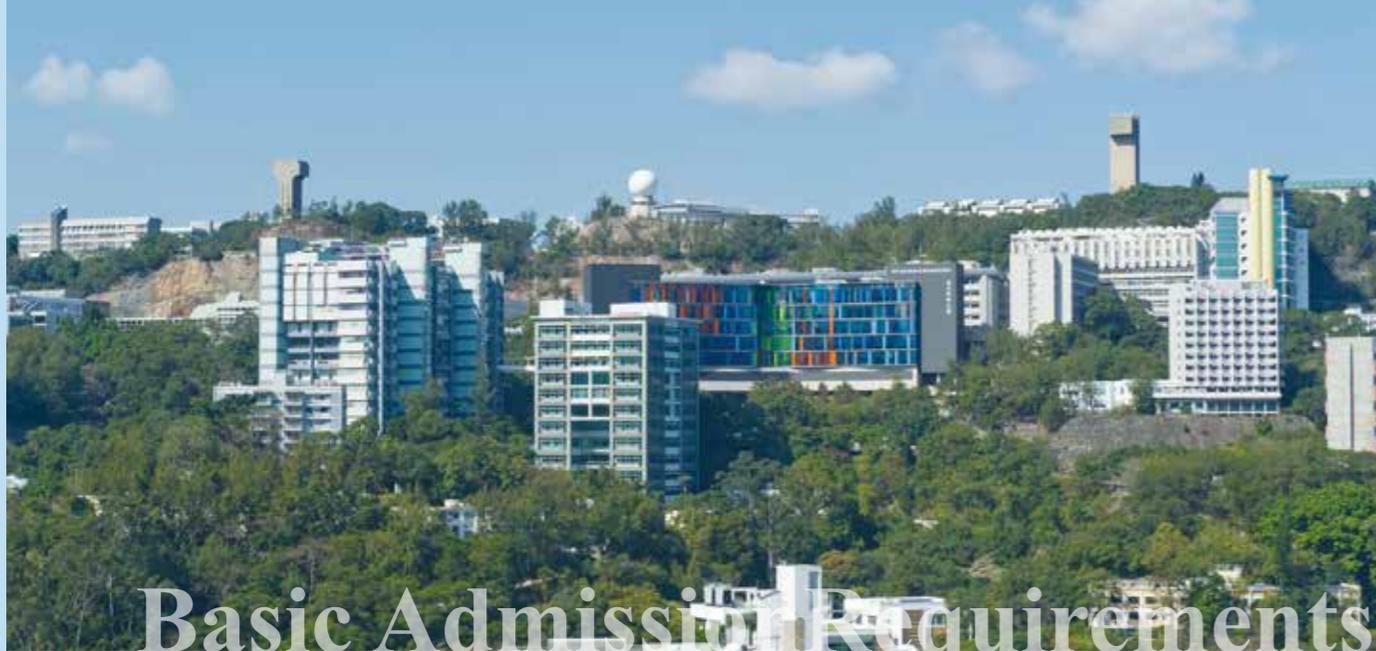
## Rich Student Life

GPA students are actively involved in a variety of for extra-curricular activities. There are five types of student association in GPAD, which is relatively rare at CUHK. The GPA Society organizes regular different activities including academic forums, orientation camps for freshmen, sports events and farewells to graduating classes; the GPA Football Team actively participates in the University competitions; the GPA Debating Team participates in competitions within and outside the University, including The Interservice Political Debate, which has a history of over 30 years; the Star Project, a student-initiated programme, offers mentorship and summer internship opportunities to students; and the Civilitas, the student-run academic journal, publishes outstanding articles from students. GPA students also participate actively in other student associations outside GPAD, including the Student Unions of the University and Colleges, in taking part in campus and social affairs in various ways.

## Harmonious Teacher-Student Relationships

Many of our faculty members are holders of doctoral degrees from leading international universities. They have written extensively on political science and public administration, and many of them are well established in their academic fields. After students are admitted to GPAD, they would be assigned with an Academic Advisor according to the Colleges they are affiliated to. The academic advising system fosters students’ growth in academic aspects. GPAD teachers and students gather often outside the classroom to discuss about campus life, social affairs and even directions of life. These gatherings also facilitate the building of the mentor-mentee relationship between both teachers and students alike.





# Basic Admission Requirements

## Admissions via JUPAS with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Qualification (4-year curriculum)

Applicants should have attained the following examination results in HKDSE:

- i. Level 3 or above in Chinese Language
- ii. Level 3 or above in English Language
- iii. Level 2 or above in Mathematics
- iv. Level 3 or above in Liberal Studies
- v. Level 2 or above in any 2 elective subjects

The results of additional elective subjects will be considered as well. Bonus marks will be given for up to two additional elective subjects.

If applicants have attained “Distinction” in Business Studies (595, 596, 597) or Legal Studies (654) in the Applied Learning of the New Senior Secondary Curriculum, the results will be considered as additional electives. Other Language Subjects taken by the applicants will be considered as additional electives.

# Admission FAQ

## Q1

Is it a disadvantage to study GPA if I took science electives in HKDSE?

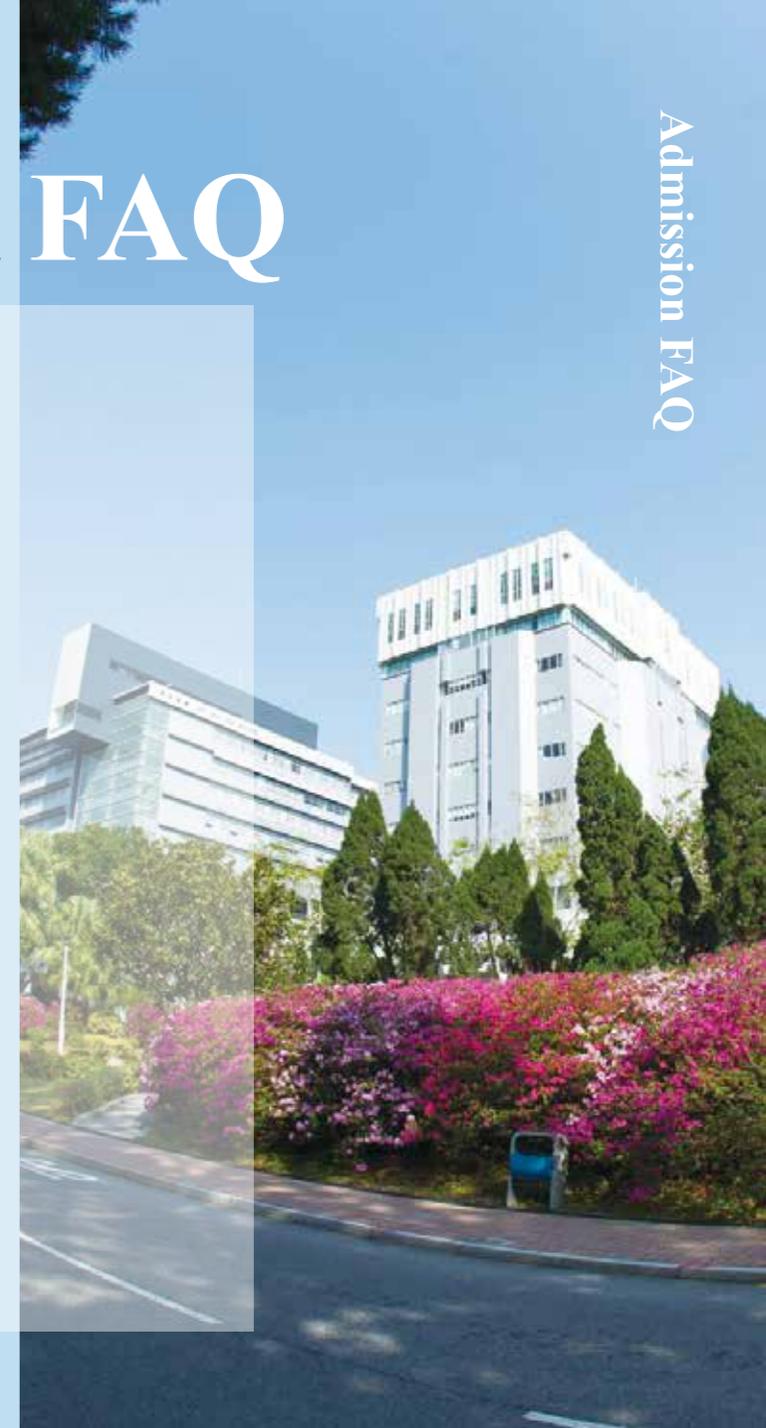
For students who took arts electives, they may have a better knowledge in history which may be an advantage for them to study some of our GPA courses. However, students would need to have mathematical skills and knowledge to study some other GPA courses, such as game theory and statistics, which in turn may be an advantage for students who took science electives. From our past experiences, students who took either arts or science electives could perform well in their study of GPA.

## Q2

I have great interest in and consider myself suitable for studying GPA. However, I am worried whether my academic results are not outstanding enough for admission. Do you have any suggestions?

Special considerations would be given to students who are nominated under the JUPAS School Principal's Nominations (SPN) scheme based on their outstanding achievements in extra-curricular activities.

Furthermore, in 2020, we have invited applicants who placed GPA in Band A in JUPAS to admission interviews before the release of HKDSE results. Applicants with excellent performance in the interview would be given bonus points. Should there be no change in the examination timetable of local secondary schools, the admission interviews would usually be held in late-May.





Q3

**Do students have a chance for admission if they placed GPA in Band B and Band C in JUPAS?**

Applicants who placed GPA in Band A would be considered with a higher priority. In the past years, all of the admitted students placed GPA in Band A.

Q4

**Does GPAD organize any overseas exchange study programmes or internship programmes?**

Since 2014, GPAD has collaborated with renowned overseas institutions such as the University of Warwick and the University of Westminster in the United Kingdom, alongside the renowned Waseda University in Japan to organize exchange study programmes for GPA students. Furthermore, GPA students can also apply for various exchange study programmes through the University's Office of Academic Links (OAL) and the Colleges they are affiliated to.

GPA students have participated in various exchange programmes for up to one academic term or year in different institutions around the world, including in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Mainland China, Mexico, amongst many others. In recent years, around 20 GPA students participated in exchange programmes every year.

For internship opportunities, there is a student-led internship programme in GPAD, namely the "Star Project". The "Star Project" has provided GPA students with summer internship opportunities to work in various organizations and fields, such as in the HKSAR Offices of the Legislative Councillors and District Councillors, law firms, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and other institutions so as to gain practical work experience. The "Star Project" is not one of the GPA curriculum requirements and GPA students can choose whether to participate in the programme or not.

Q5

**Are there any other admission channels?**

Students can also be admitted into GPA via Non-JUPAS schemes of CUHK. Local applicants who have or will be obtained qualifications other than HKDSE, such as GCSE and A-Levels or possess Associate Degree or Higher Diploma qualifications can apply via the CUHK Non-JUPAS (Local) Scheme; whereas overseas applicants can apply via the CUHK Non-JUPAS International Students Admissions Scheme. The current ceiling for GPAD to admit Non-JUPAS (Local) for first year entry is 20% of the total intake, i.e. around 7- 8 students.

Q6

**What are the admission scores for entry to GPA?**

The admission scores for 2019 entry and 2020 entry are as follows:

Year	75th Percentile (Upper Quartile)							50th Percentile (Median)							25th Percentile (Lower Quartile)						
	CHI	ENG	MATH	LS	S1	S2	S3	CHI	ENG	MATH	LS	S1	S2	S3	CHI	ENG	MATH	LS	S1	S2	S3
2019	5*	5*	4	5	5	4	4	5**	3	4	5*	5	4	3	5**	3	4	5	5	4	3
2020	5	5	4	5	5*	5	3	5	5	4	5	5*	3	3	4	5	4	5*	4	4	3

Q7

**What are the HKDSE subject weightings of different subjects? Emphasis is placed on English Language (Weighting: 1.5), Chinese Language (Weighting: 1.25) and Liberal Studies (Weighting: 1.25). The weightings for the other subjects are the same (Weighting: 1.0).**

Q8

**How many students were admitted to GPA in 2020? There were around 38 students admitted for the 2020 entry.**

Q9

**If I am admitted to CUHK through the Social Science Broad-based Admission Line (JUPAS code: JS4801), what should I do so that I can choose GPA as my major?**

Students who have fulfilled one of the following requirements can enroll in the GPA programme in their second year of study:

1. Have taken one or more GPAD courses and obtained an average grade of B- or above, OR;
  2. Have attained an overall grade point average of 2.70 or above in their first year of study.
- Students who have not fulfilled any of the above requirements can still apply for enrolling into the programme. The Department will consider the applications based on the interview performance of the applicants.

Q10

**If I am retaking HKDSE, do I still have any chance for admission?**

Students retaking HKDSE could be admitted to GPA via JUPAS with combined HKDSE results. The calculation of scores for combined HKDSE results may be adjusted for consideration by the Department.

Q11

**Are there any admission scholarships for students admitted via JUPAS with HKDSE examination results?**

GPAD offers three awards of admission scholarships with the amount HK\$10,000 each for students admitted via JUPAS with HKDSE results.

Q12

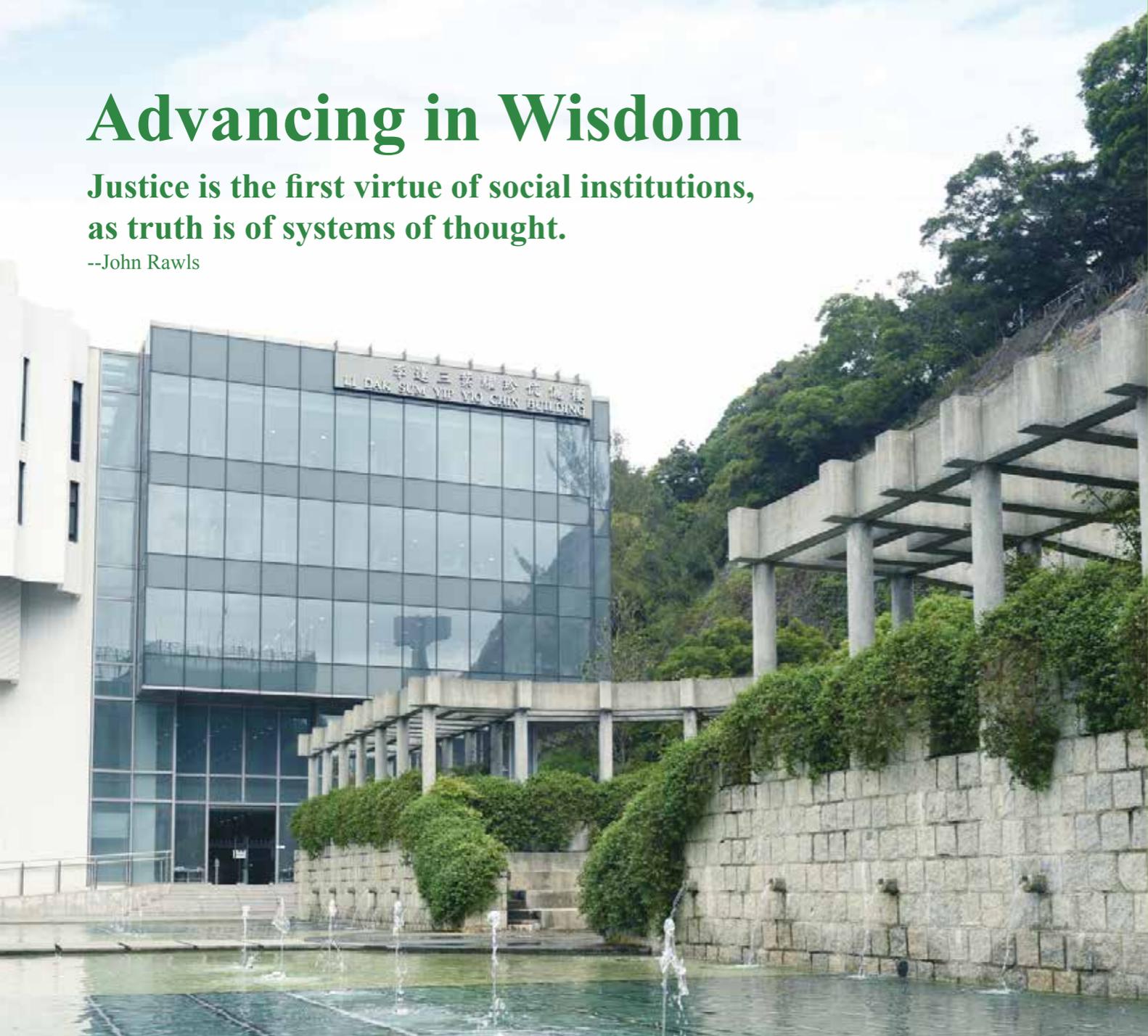
**What are arrangements of the admission interview?**

Group interviews will be conducted for applicants to discuss current public affairs and other issues in both Chinese and English.

# Advancing in Wisdom

Justice is the first virtue of social institutions,  
as truth is of systems of thought.

--John Rawls



## 4-year Curriculum (for students admitted via JUPAS with HKDSE examination results)

Students are required to complete a minimum of 66 units of courses as follows:

(1) Faculty Package of Social Science (offered by two different Programmes/ Departments/Schools, chosen from the following): ARCH1001, 1002, COMM1110, 1120, DSPS1001, ECON1210, 1220, 2011, GLSD1001, GRMD1302, 1401, 1402, PSYC1000, 1630, SOCI1001, 1201, SOWK1001, 1113, 1114, URSP1001, 1002	6
(2) Required Courses: GPAD1020, 1030, 1095, 2111	12
(3) Elective Courses:	18
(a) Field Electives (six courses to be chosen from three of the following five fields, with two courses in each field; courses that appear in more than one field can only be counted towards one field.)	
(i) Comparative Politics	
(ii) Greater China	
(iii) International Relations	
(iv) Political Theory	
(v) Public Administration and Policy	
(b) Free Major Electives (any eight GPAD courses, other than GPAD1076 and 1077)	24
(c) Research Component (minimum 6 units chosen from the following)	6
(i) GPAD4601	
(ii) GPAD4602	
(iii) GPAD4701 and 4702	
(iv) Seminar courses at 4000 level (cannot be double counted as field electives if courses appear in both field electives and research component courses): GPAD4010, 4020, 4027, 4030, 4065, 4077, 4080, 4111, 4142, 4200, 4211, 4225, 4335, 4385	

Of the Elective Courses, at least eleven courses (33 units), including the two (6 units) research component courses, should be at 2000 or above level.

Total: 66

## GPAD offered the following undergraduate courses in recent years:

### Required Courses

GPAD1020	Fundamentals of Government
GPAD1030	Fundamentals of Public Administration
GPAD1095	Issues of Political Philosophy
GPAD2111	Political Research Methodology

### Field Electives

#### Comparative Politics

GPAD1046	The Art of Leadership
GPAD2120	Democracies in the West
GPAD2130	Introductory Comparative Politics
GPAD2135	Political Economy in Asia
GPAD2145	Electoral Studies
GPAD2180	Civil Society Organizations
GPAD2215	Political Communication in Practice
GPAD2395	Asian Comparative Politics
GPAD3040	Democratization
GPAD3050	Inter-governmental Relations
GPAD3160	Governance of European Union
GPAD3161	The Rise of Populism in Europe
GPAD3360	Global Environmental Politics

#### Greater China

GPAD1050	Government of Hong Kong
GPAD1065	Contentious Politics in China
GPAD1066	China and The World
GPAD1070	Government and Politics of China
GPAD1073	Reading Chinese Culture and Politics through Movies
GPAD1077	Critical Debates in Hong Kong
GPAD2015	Selected Topics in Hong Kong Politics I
GPAD2025	Selected Topics in Chinese Politics I
GPAD2350	Chinese Foreign Policy
GPAD2370	Taiwan Studies
GPAD2555	State-Society Relations in Contemporary China
GPAD3026	Selected Topics in Chinese Politics II
GPAD4385	Institution and Reform in China

### International Relations

GPAD1066	China and The World
GPAD2185	International Organizations
GPAD2345	International Politics
GPAD2350	Chinese Foreign Policy
GPAD2355	Globalization and Politics
GPAD2375	Asian International Relations
GPAD3160	Governance of European Union
GPAD3161	The Rise of Populism in Europe
GPAD3360	Global Environmental Politics
GPAD3365	Ethics and International Affairs
GPAD3451	International Political Economy

### Political Theory

GPAD2075	Selected Topics in Political Theory I
GPAD2300	Understanding Human Rights
GPAD3071	Gender and Politics
GPAD3146	The Idea of Freedom
GPAD3220	Politics of Space
GPAD3365	Ethics and International Affairs
GPAD4077	Seminar in Political Theory
GPAD4200	Reading Political Philosophy I: John Rawls
GPAD4211	Philosophy of Social Science





**Public Administration and Policy**

GPAD1046	The Art of Leadership
GPAD2035	Selected Topics in Public Administration I
GPAD2090	Governance and Public Policy
GPAD2150	Public Human Resources Management
GPAD2160	Public Finance and Budgeting
GPAD2180	Civil Society Organizations
GPAD2215	Political Communication in Practice
GPAD3195	Government Reforms
GPAD3255	Public Policy Analysis
GPAD3260	Public Policy and Administration in China
GPAD4020	Seminar in Public Administration

**Methodology and Special Issues**

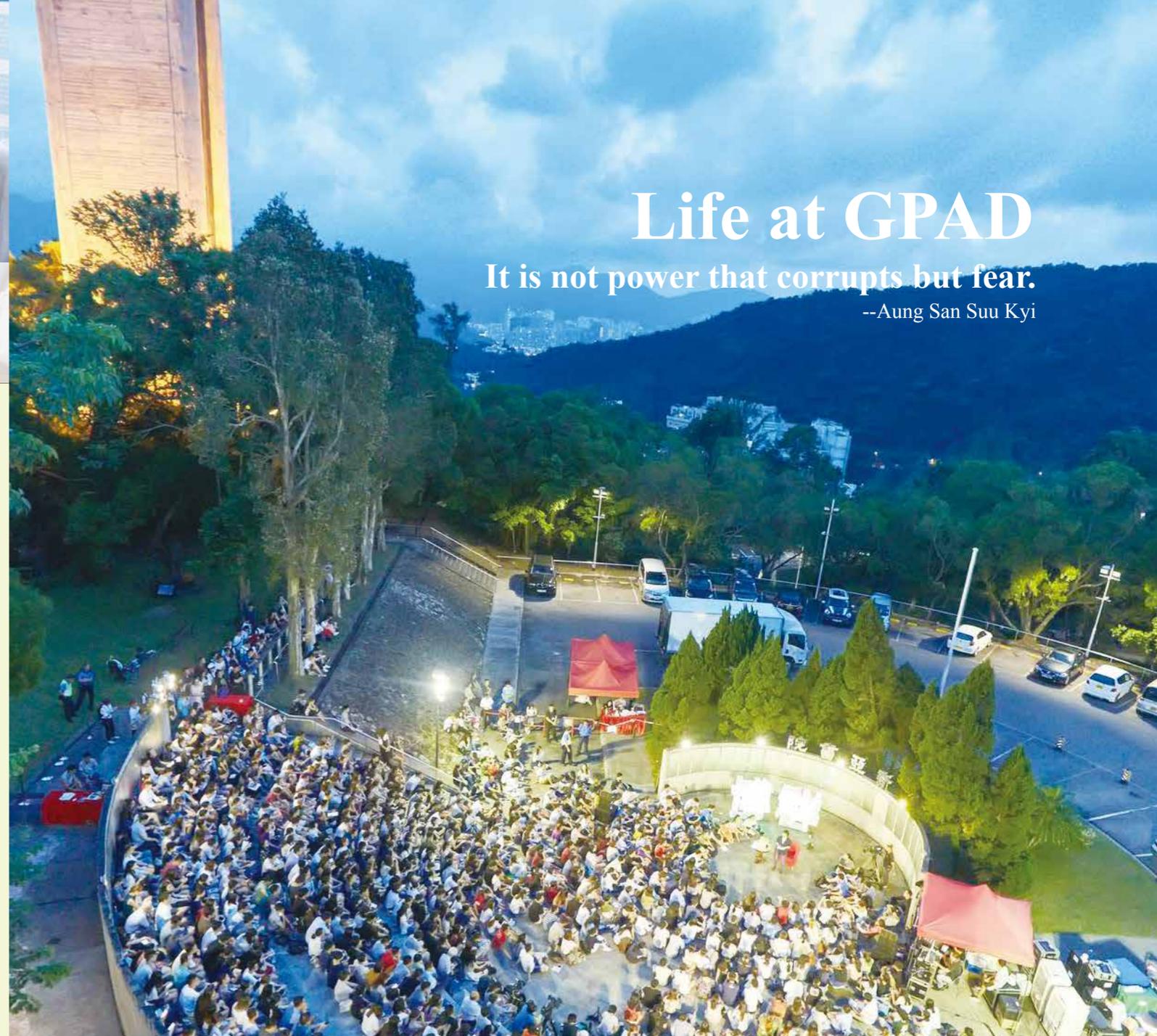
GPAD1015	Politics and Mass Media
GPAD1016	Politics of Sports
GPAD1056	Introductory Game Theory
GPAD1076	Thinking Politically
GPAD2020	Politics of Culture
GPAD2040	Health, Disease and Politics
GPAD4010	Seminar in Government
GPAD4111	Applied Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences

**Independent Studies**

GPAD4601	Independent Studies I
GPAD4602	Independent Studies II

**Thesis**

GPAD4701	Graduation Thesis I
GPAD4702	Graduation Thesis II



# Life at GPAD

It is not power that corrupts but fear.

--Aung San Suu Kyi



二零一九年度香港中文大學學生會  
政治與行政學系系會幹事會候選內閣  
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### GPA Society

The GPA Society is a registered student association of GPAD. All GPA undergraduate students are members of the Society. The Society has the following two major duties:

1. To strive for student welfare of and to organize activities for GPA students; and to represent GPA students to communicate with the Department: Every year, the Society organizes a series of activities, including the “GPA Cup” – contested by teachers and students of GPAD, farewell to graduating class, The Interschool Political Debate, Faculty Singing Contest – co-organized with other departmental student associations. The Society also holds consultation sessions regularly.
2. To participate in social movements and to issue statements to express views on various social issues on behalf of GPA students; and to address the issues raised by GPA students: The Society not only participates in social movements, but also launches different campaigns in the University and in the public to arouse the awareness of students and the public towards social affairs. “All rivers run into sea”. - GPAD accommodates students having different political stances and the Society accommodates different voices from students. The Society believes GPA students bear the responsibility to improve not only GPAD but also the community. It is difficult for students like us to just stand by, but not to fight against social injustice. The Society provides an open space for students of GPAD to discuss political issues and to express concerns towards social affairs.



### GPA Football Team

The GPA Football Team may not be the most competitive Football Team in CUHK, but the Team upholds the indestructible spirit, just like Manchester United. Our honorable Captain is Prof. Ma Ngok, commonly known as the “Sir Alex Ferguson in GPA”. If you are interested in football, please come and join us to compete for dreams and victory!



**“We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavoring to stifle is a false opinion; and if we were sure, stifling it would be an evil still (John Stuart Mill, 1859).”**

The above quote from the British philosopher, John Stuart Mill’s “On Liberty” has pointed out that, even if we “firmly believe” there is fallacy in someone’s speech, we cannot stifle the person’s freedom of speech.

The GPA Debating Team is the only Departmental debating team joined by students of GPAD. GPAD cultivates students’ knowledge in various fields of politics. After studying GPA, you and I may be tempted to believe that there is a particular political theory which can explain our doubts, or even to disagree with any contradictory theories. However, as reminded by Mill, truth would not turn into rigid doctrine only when it is challenged.

Debate is the place where challenges are created. No matter how boring the subject matter is, the audience and the judges will always have unexpected sparks in their minds through debate. What we learn in GPAD equips us with the essential skills and knowledge to have standard judgments for the logical reasonings and empirical evidence behind the debates, together with the debating skills we acquired, we are able to go through every debate without the slightest hesitation.

Every debate is the result of our passion and dedication.

Every debate is an examination and a test of the truth.





Founded in July 2003, the Star Project is a student-initiated and student-run organisation under GPAD, with Mr. Jeremiah Wong, former Department Head, being the founding advisor of the Project. The Project consists of 3 programmes, namely the Star Mentorship Programme, the Star Internship Programme and the Star Exploration Programme. The Project provides students with training and practical opportunities to enhance their critical thinking skills. The Star Project is the only programme in the University which the students are responsible for the organization of the internship and mentorship programmes – including administrative and clerical work. Professors advising the Project allow students to run the Project with lots of flexibility. Previous cabinets of the Project shared the same experience that they have benefited extensively from the Project.

#### Mentorship Programme

The Mentorship Programme aims at offering exchange opportunities to students for them to learn from their mentors' experiences. Mentors of the Project are prominent members of the community from diverse backgrounds, including practitioners from the political, legal, media, education and business sectors. Students would be able to build a profound relationship with their mentors, who share similar career aspirations; and to learn from their mentors about their philosophies of life.

#### Internship Programme

The Internship Programme aims at offering internship opportunities to non-final year GPA students for them to integrate their knowledge with their academic work, to gain work experience and to prepare for pursuing their future career. The Project offers internship opportunities in commercial organizations, media bodies, Offices of Councillors of Legislative Council and District Councillors, alongside academic institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).



#### Exploration Programme

The Exploration Programme aims at offering a variety of activities to broaden the horizons of students. Through activities such as talks, workshops, sharing sessions and visits, students will have the opportunity to meet people from different sectors in the community and enhance their understanding of the community.

#### A Bridge for Communication with Alumni

Mentors of the Project and hosts of the internships are eminent members of the community and among them there are alumni of GPAD. Therefore, the Project not only provides students with a wide range of social experiences and skills trainings, but also serves as a bridge of communication between our renowned alumni and GPAD.

#### Recent mentors of the Star Project:

- Mr. Caspar Tsui Ying-wai, JP (Secretary for Home Affairs)
- Mr. Kenneth CHEN Wei-On, SBS (Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat)
- Ms. Emily Lau Wai-hing, JP (Former Chairperson, The Democratic Party (Hong Kong))
- Ms. Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Former Chairperson, Civic Party)
- Mr. CHONG, Yiu Kwong (GPA Graduate; Senior Lecturer, EdUHK; Vice-President (Internal Affairs), Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union)
- Prof. Kuan Hsin Chi (Emeritus Professor of GPAD)

#### Recent partner organizations of the Star Project:

- Amnesty International
- Greenpeace
- Hong Kong Unison Service
- Office of Ms. Cyd HO Sau Lan, Member of Legislative Council
- Office of Mr. TSANG Yok-sing, Jasper, GBM, GBS, JP, Member of Legislative Council
- The Democratic Party (Hong Kong)
- Hong Kong Policy Research Institute
- The Community Citizen Charter
- A-World Consulting Limited



## 《Civilitas》

In late 2007, a group of GPA students proposed to publish a student journal named "Civilitas". The initiative was appreciated and supported by their fellows and the Department. There have been 8 issues of Civilitas since its launch in 2008.

Every year, undergraduate students of GPAD form a cabinet to serve for one session of the Civilitas to be responsible for publications. Incoming article contributions would be reviewed and assessed by scholars in the related fields anonymously. The published articles cover a wide range of areas in political science including political theories, comparative politics, international relations, political economy and public administration. Many of the Civilitas student authors have pursued further postgraduate and doctoral studies alongside becoming outstanding young scholars in their related fields.





### Learning Experience

**Mr. LEUNG Ho Lun, Year 2 Student**

One feature of GPA that I must mention are the tutorials. Everyone is very talkative in them and vigorous. Thought-provoking discussions are also held. In my opinion, tutorials provide opportunities for students to enhance their training to formulate persuasive arguments, presenting them confidently and then debating with groupmates in a rational manner. I am looking forward to experiencing a fruitful university life here in the GPA family.

**Miss CHENG Yee Wan, Year 2 Student**

There are both local and international students in classes. Teachers and students express their views freely during classes and tutorials. I have learned a lot during the discussions in tutorials and I am glad that I have the opportunity to exchange ideas on politics and public administration with my classmates from GPAD.

**Miss Anna Bülow FUGLSANG, Undergraduate Year 2 Student**

At CUHK and GPAD, I have been able to explore a wide variety of political science and other subjects to an extent that I did not have the capacity to imagine earlier. Actually, it has made me reflect on the fact that there is a lot of knowledge I haven't learned yet, and I am not sure how I will ever manage to learn it in a lifetime. But I have also understood that it is just about getting started, staying engaged, asking all the questions you want and challenging all sorts of thoughts to get those interesting discussions started that make you grow as a person.

### Exchange Experience

**Miss KWAN Wing Sze Eva Carmen, Year 4 Student, Exchange to Waseda University in 2019-20**

Through the joint exchange programme between GPAD and Waseda University, I was given a chance to head to Tokyo for a year-long student exchange at the School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University. At Waseda, I had the chance to take various interesting courses concerning multiple countries in the Asia-Pacific region to learn with and learn from classmates coming from diverse cultural backgrounds. For instance, during in-class discussions, students from different countries took the initiatives to explain the context of the domestic policies in their home countries which facilitated the exchange of ideas. Furthermore, Waseda also encouraged self-learning which motivated me to read more out of the syllabus. This experience at Waseda University was eye-opening for me. Living in Tokyo is so similar yet different to Hong Kong in so many ways, which I had not realized before this exchange experience.

**Mr. LEUNG, Ho Ching Ronex, Year 4 Student, Exchange to University of Warwick in 2019-20**

In many ways, my experience during the exchange programme in United Kingdom is profound and unforgettable. Many thanks to the Department for offering me such a precious opportunity to study politics abroad, and to meet wonderful teachers and peers from all over the world. Living and learning in the University of Warwick really enhanced my cultural understandings and expanded my intellectual capabilities. In particular, I was intrigued by the well-established courses of international political economy and war studies. Lecture halls, sports centres, kitchens and common rooms (for most of the time, food and wine are what bring us together) were spaces where interesting encounters and friendships would happen.

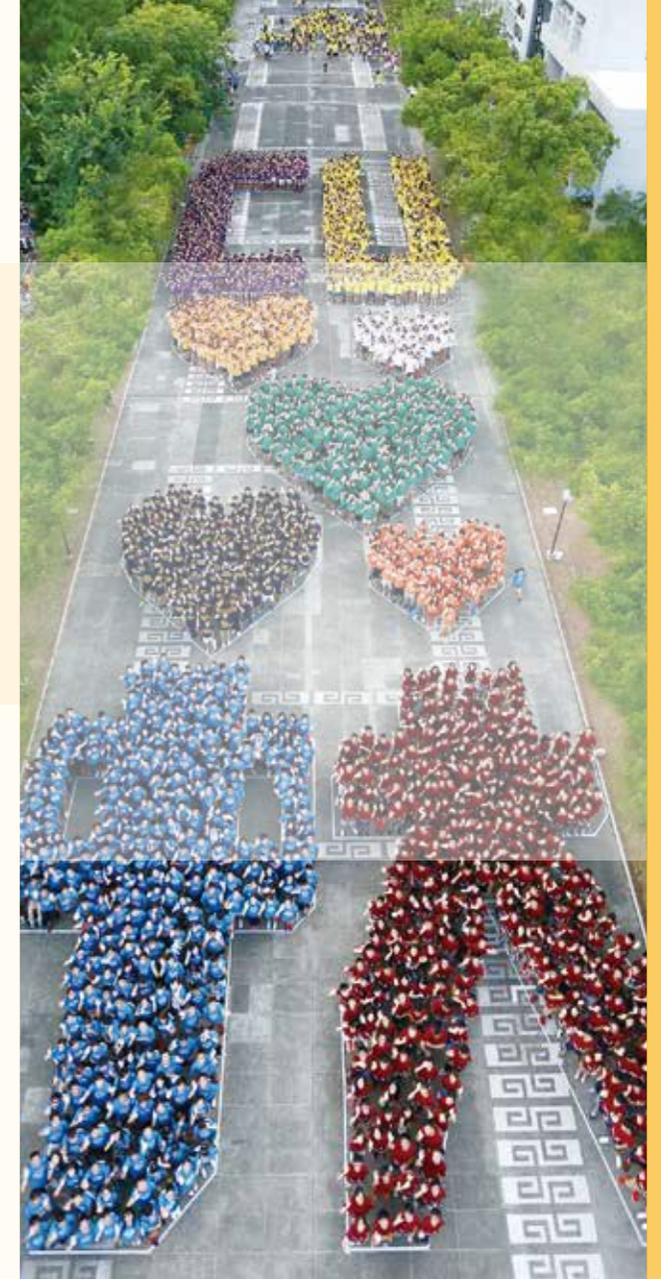
# Scholarships

**GPAD offers the following four scholarships to recognize the students with outstanding academic achievements:**

1. Admission Scholarship of the Department of Government and Public Administration
2. CUHK GPA Overseas Scholarship
3. Professor Kuan Hsin Chi Scholarship
4. Professor Kuan Hsin Chi Best Thesis Award

**Other than the GPAD scholarships, GPA students have been awarded several scholarships outside CUHK in recent years, including:**

1. Swire Scholarships
2. Chevening Scholarships
3. Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence





# Learning and Practice

The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways. The point, however, is to change it.

--Karl Marx



# Graduation Pathways

The general public may have an impression that all GPA graduates would become politicians, councillors, or civil servants. In fact, according to employment statistics, the career pathways of GPA graduates are diversified. While the ratio of GPA graduates working as civil servants is relatively higher than graduates from other departments, most of the GPA graduates embarked on their career in the Commerce & Industry field. GPA graduates are also working in a variety of sectors other than the before mentioned, including Education, Media, Social & Public Organizations and Legal sectors.

The GPA undergraduate curriculum enables students to acquire key knowledge in the fields of politics, government and public administration, which is advantageous for those who aspire to work in the government and public organizations. Furthermore, GPAD is committed to fostering students' analytical skills, adaptability to changes, awareness to contemporary issues and critical thinking skills, which are essential skills for working in various sectors.

Sector/Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Government</b>	2.56%	11.1%	10.26%	16.98%	17.65%	22.58%
<b>Commerce &amp; Industry</b>	48.72%	44.5%	41.03%	32.08%	29.41%	32.26%
<b>Social &amp; Public Organizations</b>	10.26%	14%	12.82%	15.09%	17.65%	6.45%
<b>Education</b>	17.95%	14%	12.82%	9.43%	2.94%	12.90%
<b>Further Studies</b>	15.38%	13.5%	17.95%	18.87%	11.76%	9.68%
<b>Others</b>	5.13%	2.9%	5.13%	7.55%	20.59%	16.13%

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Many non-GPAD students think that there is a “GPAD-student” archetype, but that’s far from the truth! There does not exist any characteristic that is strong enough to define our students and tie them together. Politics is never the ONLY topic of discussion by any means amongst us. Those I know have a diverse array of hobbies— traveling, book-worming, public speaking, job hunting, you name it. Underlying the different interests is a culture of critical thinking—thanks to our professors and their tutorials! Most importantly, the professors are approachable and never aloof! There are big lecture classes and also tutorials in which students like me can get a very personalized experience and enough attention.

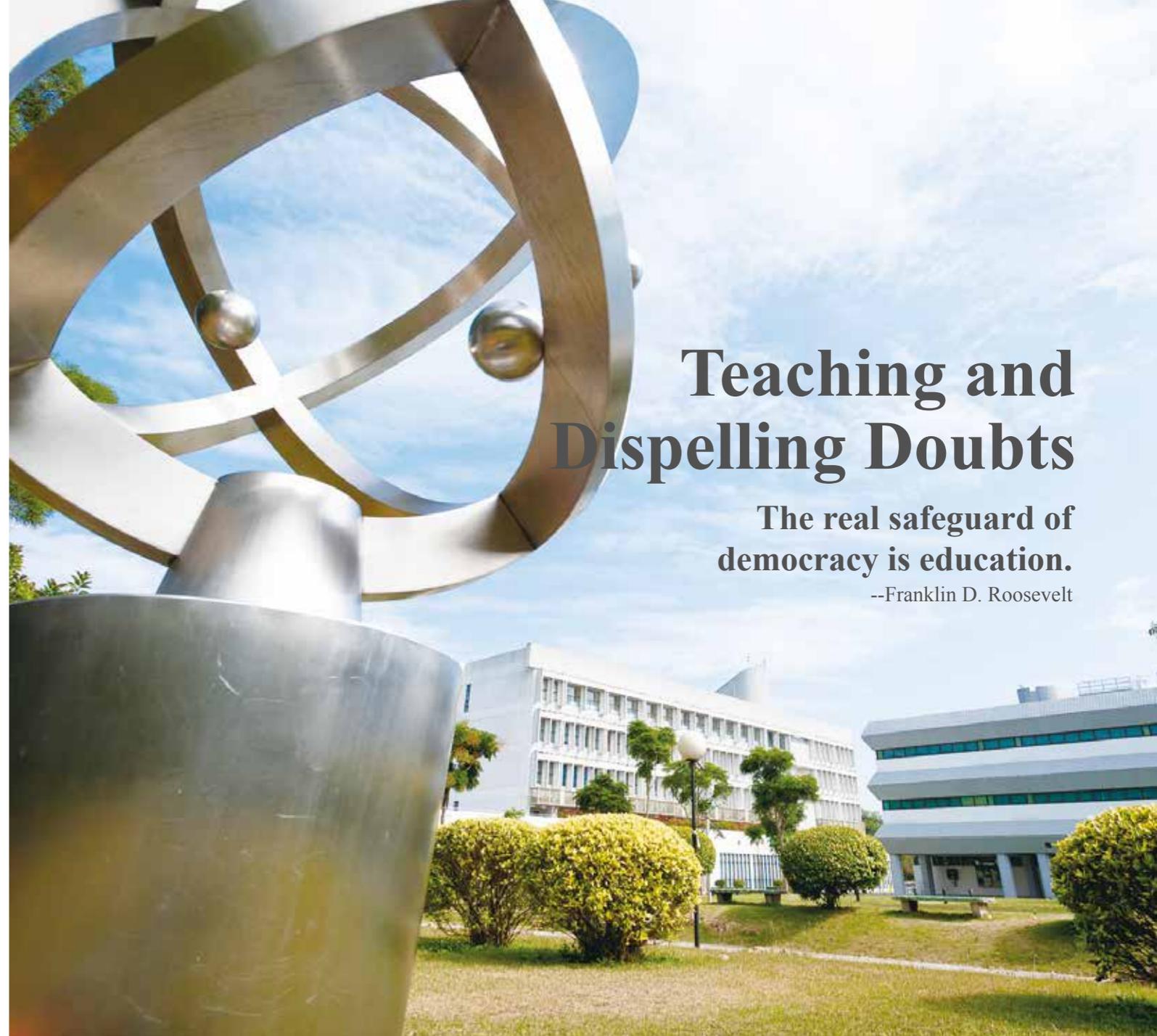
My four years of study in GPA have been the most amazing experience I have had in my life so far. What impressed me the most was the experience of playing in the Model UN simulation game in the GPAD2185 course. Two years after this experience, I still savored the sense of wonder it harbored, and with that in mind, resolutely pursued a career in international relations and connected with a group of like-minded peers who were equally passionate about international affairs and communicating knowledge. Soon after I graduated, I went to Beijing for an internship at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in a bid to gain wider exposure to the field of international development and poverty reduction in China. After that, I came back for a research assistant position at the International Crisis Group, a non-governmental organization committed to preventing and resolving deadly conflict, where I research on North East Asian security issues such as Sino-DPRK relations, East and South China Seas, alongside cross-strait relations.



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**The real safeguard of  
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--Franklin D. Roosevelt



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