



香港中文大學  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong



政治與行政學系  
GOVERNMENT AND  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

# 2023-24

## Government and Public Administration

Man is by nature a political animal.

— Aristotle



# What's Special about CU GPA?

## Diversified Curriculum

We offer a wide variety of courses in 6 fields: Comparative Politics, Greater China, International Relations, Political Theory, Public Administration and Policy, and Professional Practicum, providing comprehensive academic and practical training.

## Small Group Discussions

We emphasize small class teaching and discussion. Students can present and discuss their ideas in tutorials, improving their presentation skills and independent thinking.

## Rich Student Life

The GPA Society organizes different student activities. We are the only department in Hong Kong that has its own debate team (Cantonese). Its annual Intervarsity Political Science Debate with University of Hong Kong has a history of more than 40 years. We have a rich tradition of close teacher-student relations. Teachers and students can freely interact about academic queries, social affairs and issues in life.

## Theoretical and Practical

Our solid academic training makes it possible for our alumni to continue their academic pursuit in local and overseas universities. We also provide professional practicum and internship opportunities, including the Co-Intelligence and the student-initiated Star Project.

## Major Programme

4-year Curriculum

Students are required to complete a minimum of 72 units of courses as follows:

	Units
(1) GPAD1020 & Faculty Package of Social Science	9
(2) Required Courses	24
(3) Elective Courses	18
(a) Field Electives	
i. Politics - Comparative Politics	
ii. Politics - Greater China	
iii. Politics - Political Theory	
iv. International Relations	
v. Public Administration and Policy	
vi. Professional Practicum	
(b) Free Major Electives	15
(c) Capstone Courses	6
i. GPAD4601 Independent Studies I	
ii. GPAD4601 Independent Studies I	
iii. GPAD4701 & GPAD4702 Graduation Thesis I & Graduation Thesis II	
iv. GPAD4801 Professional Practicum I	
v. GPAD4802 Professional Practicum II	
vi. Seminar Courses at 4000 level	
Of the Elective Courses, at least nine courses (27 units), including the two (6 units) capstone courses, should be at 2000 or above level.	
<b>Total 72 Units</b>	

# Admission Requirements

## JUPAS HKDSE Minimum Requirements:

- Level 3 or above in Chinese Language
- Level 3 or above in English Language
- Level 2 or above in Mathematics
- Attained in Citizenship and Social Development
- Level 3 or above in any 2 elective subjects
- Bonus scores for up to 2 additional electives

The distribution of admission scores for 2022 and 2023 entry are as follows:

	Subject	2022	2023
75th Percentile (Upper Quartile)	Chi	5	5
	Eng	3	4
	Math	2	3
	LS	5*	5
	S1	4	4
	S2	4	4
	S3		4
50th Percentile (Median)	Chi	4	5
	Eng	4	4
	Math	4	4
	LS	4	4
	S1	5	5
	S2	5	4
	S3		
25th Percentile (Lower Quartile)	Chi	5	5*
	Eng	4	3
	Math	4	3
	LS	5	4
	S1	3	5
	S2	3	3
	S3	3	

- **Admission Quota:** 37 in 2024
- **Subject Weightings:** We count Best 5 subjects. There would be extra weightings to English (Weighting: 1.5) and Chinese Language (1.25). The weightings for all other subjects are the same (1.0).
- **Admission Scholarship:** The three students with best DSE results will each get a scholarship of HK\$10,000.
- **Broad-based Admission:** Students admitted to CUHK through the Social Science Broad-based Admission (JS4801) are free to choose GPA as the major in the second year; there is no special requirement.
- **Combined-cert Students:** There will be a minor penalty for the scores of the combined-cert students.



# Non-JUPAS and International Admissions Scheme

Applicants should possess qualifications equivalent to high-school graduation:

Qualification	Minimum Requirement
GCE A-level	3 AL Grade C or above or 2 AL + 2AS Grade C or above
IB Diploma	30 points out of 45
US High School Curriculum	i) a High School Diploma ; AND ii) a total of 1190 out of 1600 in SAT ; OR a composite score of 24 in ACT ; AND iii) Grade 3 in 2 AP Tests ; OR a minimum score of 600 each in 2 SAT Subject Tests
Associate Degree / Higher Diploma	Completed at least one year of study in an associate degree / higher diploma program Applicants who have an associate degree upon entry can apply for Year 1 or Senior Year admission.
Mainland China students	Mainland China students who take the Gaokao MUST apply through the National Colleges and Universities Enrolment System.
Other Countries	<a href="http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/adm/nonjupas/docs/Admission_Requirements.pdf">http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/adm/nonjupas/docs/Admission_Requirements.pdf</a>

**English Language Requirements** IELTS: 6.0 OR TOEFL (iBT): 80

**Chinese Language Requirements#** (1) GCE AL/ AS: E (2) GCSE/ IGCSE: C/ Grade 4;

(3) IB: 4 (4) AP: 3 (5) HKDSE: Level 3

# Waiver of the Chinese requirement may be granted, at the discretion of the Faculty Dean, to candidates with a recognized non-local qualification.

## Co-intelligence

A summer internship programme in local/ overseas, private/ public organizations, which allows students to put into practice what they learn and develop their careers.

Participating Organisations:

- Brunswick Group
- LeadAll Consulting Ltd.
- Edelman Hong Kong
- KTA Planning Ltd.
- Humans Matter Asia
- TANG, WONG & CHOW Solicitors
- Social Ventures Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute
- Teach For Hong Kong

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## Graduation Pathways

Our survey of the employment conditions of more than 300 graduates who graduated from 2010 to 2020 shows the following distribution of career categories.

Career Categories	Percentage
Civil Servants (incl. disciplinary forces)	25.2%
Commercial Corporations	27.3%
Public Organizations	8.7%
NGOs	7.8%
Teaching (primary and secondary schools)	9.3%
Other professional fields (legal + social work)	6.2%
Teaching/Research in universities	5.0%
Further Studies	5.0%
Others	5.6%



## Alumni Sharing

### LAU, Kylie 2013 Graduate, Compliance Practitioner

I have been working as a compliance practitioner in international banks, Chinese banks and consultant firms. Choosing to study GPA is undoubtedly one of the best decisions I have ever made. The three-year journey transformed me from a person who only studied mechanically to one with better thinking. The GPA training equipped me with critical thinking and multiple perspective thinking. Such skills are indispensable to my job in compliance which often requires me to spot deficiencies in banking processes against banking regulations. Banking regulations are related to government policy, an important aspect in the GPA program. I am grateful that GPA laid a good foundation for my career.



### LAU, Mei Ling 2019 Graduate, Administrative Officer of HKSAR

The most valuable aspect of the GPA courses is the free discussions in tutorial classes, which encourages critical thinking. Regardless of the role one takes on in society in the future, the independent thinking and logical reasoning skills cultivated in the Department will be beneficial throughout one's lifetime.



## Student Life

### GPA Debating Team

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### GPA Society

The GPA Society organizes a wide range of recreational and cultural activities for students, enhancing the communication between teachers and students. It participates in the management of departmental affairs and voices out on social affairs.



### Exchange Programme

The GPA Department has 3 department-level exchange programs with:

- University of Warwick (UK);
- University of Westminster (UK);
- Waseda University (Japan)

There are ample exchange opportunities in CUHK at University or College level.

### Star Project

Star Project is the only student-led internship program in CUHK. We arrange summer internship in business, media, and non-profit organisations. Recent partners include A-World Consulting (communication & management consultancy), Krew Digital (social media marketing), JUST FEEL (charity for students' emotional well-being), and HK Unison (NGO on ethnic minorities rights).



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