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大中華地區政府與政治社會科學碩士課程



*The incubator of Greater China analysts with
a global vision, independent thinking,
and methodological rigor*

Message from the Programme Director

No matter how we see it, drastic historical changes are descending. The sleeping lion of China has not only awakened but also started to spread its footprints around the world. Looking back at the thousands of years of world history, each time when a power rises, it generates shocks that impact on even the far corners of the world. For us who live in the 21st century, we are destined to witness the arrival of a new era. Then the question is: how do we position ourselves and prepare for the extraordinary uncertainties ahead?

For those who are curious about what a rising China means and how we can get ready for the upcoming challenges, it is crucial to unpack the gigantic entity that's called Greater China, including its political institutions and thoughts, economic system and development, social structures and movements, internal relations between the Mainland, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macao, and external relations with the outside world. Only when we understand where the China we see today comes from, can we make informed judgments about where it goes in the future.

Against this background, the MSSc Program in Government and Politics (Greater China) was launched in 2012 to provide a platform for students to learn about the aforementioned aspects of the Greater China, to engage in intellectual dialogue and exploration with established China scholars, and to develop the capabilities of independent and critical thinking based on facts and from multiple angles. Our graduates are now pursuing divergent and flourishing careers in public service, civil society, academia, media, business etc. In the years to come, the GPGC program aims to continue to train independent, forward-looking China analysts who can use their knowledge to turn the formidable challenges associated with China's rise into precious opportunities for not only the advancement of their own careers but also the betterment of the whole society.



**Professor
ZHAN Jing Vivian**

Programme Highlights

MSSc Programme in Government and Politics (Greater China)

- Has a broader geographical and thematic coverage than most of Master of Art programmes in China Studies. Geographically it covers Greater China (Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao). Thematically it provides unique insights into major subjects, such as institution & reform, public administration, foreign policies & regional international relations, democracy & rule of law, environmental politics, state-society relations, and political communications.
- Emphasizes social science perspective and research methodology
- Taught by faculty of the GPA Department and renowned scholars from Greater China and overseas
- Offered in English and Mandarin Chinese, aiming at preparing students to take on active leadership roles in the region and beyond

Mode of Study

Mode of Study	Normative Study Period	Maximum Study Period	Graduation requirement
Full-time	1 year (2 terms)	3 years (6 terms)	• Complete at least 8 courses (4 required courses and 4 elective courses)
Part-time	2 years (4 terms)	4 years (8 terms)	• Achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0

Study Scheme

Students are required to complete a minimum of 24 units of courses (8 courses):

Required Courses

- GPGC5001 Institution and Reform in Contemporary China
- GPGC5003 Greater China and the World
- GPGC5004 Public Policy and Administration in Greater China
- GPGC5005 Methods in Social Science Research

Elective Courses

Any four courses from

- GPGC5002 HK, Macao, Taiwan Politics in Comparative Perspective
- GPGC5101 Political Economy and Business Environment of Greater China
- GPGC5102 Politics of Transition and Greater China
- GPGC5103 Anti-Corruption in Comparative Perspective
- GPGC5104 Taiwan in Comparative Perspective
- GPGC5105 Public Governance and Civil Service in Hong Kong
- GPGC5106 State-Society Relations in Greater China
- GPGC5107 Environmental Politics of Greater China
- GPGC5108 Political Thought in Contemporary China
- GPGC5109 Human Rights and Constitutionalism in Greater China
- GPGC5110 Selected Topic in Government and Politics of Greater China (I)
- GPGC5111 Political Communication in Practice
- GPGC5112 Selected Topic in Government and Politics of Greater China (II)
- MPUP5422 Environmental Policy Analysis

*Elective courses may change from year to year, subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrollment.

Potential Applicants

- **First-degree holders** who plan to work in the public sector or pursue further studies in fields related to Greater China's government and public administration
- **Mid-career professionals** working in the public / non-governmental / media / legal / educational / financial sectors who would benefit from intensive studies and professional interactions in an academic environment for career development
- **Advanced professionals** who are interested in gaining a more comprehensive understanding of issues related to government and politics in Greater China

As a professional programme offered in Hong Kong, an international city, applicants from Hong Kong, the mainland and overseas are all welcome to apply.

Application

Method: Online application via the website of the Graduate School of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Please refer to the website of the Graduate School (<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions>) for details.

Open for Application	Deadline	Term 1 Commence
1 September 2023	29 February 2024	September 2024



GPGC Admission

Tuition fee for 2024 Entry

Eight Courses: **HKD170,000 (Provisional)** Each Additional Courses: **HKD\$21,250** Application Fee: **HKD\$300**

Scholarships and Awards

Our Programme recognizes students' and graduates' academic achievements and other contributions through three types of scholarships.

Admission Scholarship	Academic Distinction Award	Outstanding Student Service Award
To recognize new students with outstanding academic and/or work background	To recognize students with outstanding academic performance and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 or above	To recognize students with outstanding contributions to the Programme, the University and/or the community

Distinguished Teaching Team

Prof. BONNIN Michel	Professor, Centre d'Études sur la Chine Moderne et Contemporaine, EHESS Paris France Adjunct Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK BA (Université Paris X-Nanterre); BA (Université Paris VII); PhD (EHESS)
Prof. CABESTAN Jean-Pierre	Senior Researcher, the French National Centre for Scientific Research BA, MA (Jussieu U); PHD (Sorbonne U); State Doctorate of Law (Pantheon-Sorbonne U)
Prof. CHEN XI 陳曦	Associate Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK LLB (ECUPL); MPhil (Peking U); MA, PhD (Columbia U)
Prof. CHOW Po Chung 周保松	Associate Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK BA (CUHK); MA (Univ. of York); PhD (LSE, London)
Dr. DOWNES James Floyd	Assistant Professor, School of Arts and Social Sciences, HKMU BA, MSc (Essex U); PhD (Kent U)
Dr. LEE Nelson Ka-kiu 李家翹	Lecturer, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK MPhil, PhD (CUHK)
Prof. QIN Hui 秦暉	Retired Professor, Dept of History, Tsinghua University Adjunct Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK BA, MPhil (Lanzhou)
Prof. SMITH William James Clark	Associate Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK BA (Univ. of East Anglia); MA, PhD (Univ. of Warwick)
Prof. TSAO King Kwun 曹景鈞	Adjunct Associate Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK BA (CUHK); BA (Univ. of California); MA, PhD (Univ. of Chicago)
Prof. ZHAN Jing Vivian 詹晶	Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK Programme Director of MSc in Government and Politics (Greater China) BA (Foreign Affairs College of China); MA, PhD (UCLA)

*Teaching timetable will be updated every year to reflect the most current programme development

Diversified Activities



Orientation and Information Day



Visit ICAC



GPGC 10th Anniversary Celebration Banquet



Alumni Day Sharing Session



Class Gathering



Academic Seminar

Alumni Endorsement

CHEN Xiaotong - Class of 2023; Beacon Management (Hong Kong)

The GPGC program has given me a deep understanding of modern political research in Greater China. I've had the chance to dive into topics like how the government and society interact, citizenship rights, civil society, and democratization. I am truly grateful for the amazing guidance and knowledge from my professors. Now, armed with this newfound wisdom, I feel inspired to put these valuable insights into practice. I want to explore and apply them not only on the global stage but also within the vibrant Greater Bay Area of China.

LIU Yiwen - Class of 2023; PwC (Hong Kong)

My overall experience with the GPGC programme at CUHK was excellent. The subjects include institutions and reform, public administration, foreign policy, and regional international relations, as well as democracy and the rule of law. Taught by leading scholars from the Greater China region and overseas, these courses emphasize social science perspectives and research methods, encouraging us to form independent analyses and critical assessments of contemporary Greater China. I highly recommend the GPGC programme to anyone interested in Chinese politics in specific and in pursuing a master's degree in general.

YIU Lan Hin - Class 2022; Hong Kong Government

Thank you very much to our experienced professors and diverse students. It's a unique journey for me to enlightenment. While working in the government, this programme assists me in adapting to the political landscape and enacting meaningful and effective change that serves the best interests of my community. I sincerely hope that more scholars worldwide, especially in mainland China can join our GPGC family and bring us more inspirational ideas.

Philip MULDER - Class 2019; Director of Career and College Counseling, Vanke Meisha Bilingual School (Shenzhen)

GPGC refreshed my approach to learning and helped me critically analyze my own perspective while sharpening my thinking by incorporating more complexity into my research to encompass Asian history, mindsets, and public policy institutions and processes. Studying about Greater China's various governmental policies and institutional processes was a linguistic challenge as several courses were in Mandarin Chinese, but in the end, there is no better place to study the region than at CUHK which lies at the heart of Greater China itself.

FENG Xuefei - GPGC Class 2019; China Development Bank (Changsha)

GPGC is an original and pioneering programme. What makes it special is that it focuses on the crucial and often controversial issues in the socio-political developments of Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. Although the one-year study period is short, the quality and quantity of courses offered by GPGC are very substantial, which fully enhanced my political sensitivity and my understanding of the political pattern of East Asia.

Enquiries

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