

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Bachelor of Social Sciences Curriculum –
Politics and Public Administration (major and minor)

Programme Level Outcomes	Faculty Level Outcomes	University Educational Aims
On successful completion of the programme, students should be able to:	On successful completion of the curriculum, students should be able to:	Benchmarked against the highest international standards, the 4-year undergraduate curriculum at HKU is designed to enable our students to develop their capabilities in:
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 1.	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 1.	University Educational Aim 1.
identify key concepts and ideas in major literatures in political theory, public administration, government operations, international relations and legal systems	critically evaluate underlying theories and concepts through independent research in social science disciplines	pursuit of academic / professional excellence, critical intellectual enquiry and life-long learning
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 2.		
appreciate the intellectual foundations of crafting rule-ruler-ruled relationships in public governance		
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 3.	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 2.	University Educational Aim 2.
evaluate the validity and relevance of theories of politics and public administration to the understanding of the operation of diverse political systems	apply social science theories and methods in analysing complex problems in a globalizing world	tackling novel situations and ill-defined problems
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 4.		
acquire the knowledge of political science methods and research design, and to apply the knowledge to the study and analysis of social and potential human problems		
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 5.	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 3.	University Educational Aim 3.
identify the commonalities and diversities embedded in different political systems, and analyze their implications for the ways of life of different peoples	reflect critically on learning through participation in social innovation internships to engage with the wider community	critical self-reflection, greater understanding of others, and upholding personal and professional ethics
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 6.	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 4.	University Educational Aim 4.
acquire specific knowledge of the cultural, political, and social	embrace diverse learning environments through	intercultural communication and global citizenship

aspects of particular polities	out-of-Hong Kong exchange and global citizenship programmes	
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 7.		
appreciate and be sensitive to cultural predispositions underlying the design of political institutions and political behaviour		
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 8.	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 5.	University Educational Aim 5.
develop the skills to bridge theories and practice in understanding and practicing problem-solving in public affairs	work as effective team members and in group projects to enhance collaboration and communication skills	communication and collaboration
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 9.		
develop the skills and appreciation for teamwork through participating in group activities and internships		
Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 10.	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 6.	University Educational Aim 6.
develop a comprehensive understanding of the complexities and intricacies of human society, and the ability to identify leverage points for policy and social actions	demonstrate an awareness of current social issues and problems and be prepared to act as advocates for social change	leadership and advocacy for the improvement of the human condition