

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

<b>Programme Level Outcomes</b>	<b>Faculty Level Outcomes</b>	<b>University Educational Aims</b>
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:
<b>Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 1.</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 1.</b>	<b>University Educational Aim 1.</b>
PLO 1. Demonstrate a solid understanding of the key concepts in political science, political theory, public administration, government operations, international relations and legal systems	acquire and 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
<b>Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 2.</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 2.</b>	<b>University Educational Aim 2.</b>
PLO 2. Understand critically and apply sensitively political science theories and research methods to analyze political complexities across national and international contexts.	apply social science theories and methods in analysing complex problems in a globalizing world	tackling novel situations and ill-defined problems

<b>Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 3.</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 3.</b>	<b>University Educational Aim 3.</b>
PLO 3. Reflect critically on learning of political science and public administration theories in practice to meet the standards and expectations of the public sphere profession and the community-at-large.	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
<b>Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 4</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 4.</b>	<b>University Educational Aim 4.</b>
PLO 4. Acquire specific knowledge and sensitive awareness of the formal, social and cultural aspects of political institutions and behavior of different countries and places.	embrace diverse learning environments through out-of-Hong Kong exchange and global citizenship programmes	intercultural communication and global citizenship
<b>Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 5..</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 5.</b>	<b>University Educational Aim 5.</b>
PLO 5. Develop the skills and appreciation for teamwork through participating in group activities and internships.	work as effective team members and in group projects to enhance collaboration and communication skills	communication and collaboration
<b>Programme-level Intended Learning Outcome 6.</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 6.</b>	<b>University Educational Aim 6.</b>
PLO 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

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PLO3. Reflect critically on learning of political science and public administration theories in practice to meet the standards and expectations of the public sphere profession and the community-at-large;

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PLO5. Develop the skills and appreciation for teamwork through participating in group activities and internships;

PLO6. Develop a comprehensive understanding of the complexities and intricacies of human society, and the ability to identify leverage points for policy and social actions.