

**Minor in Government and International Affairs\*** (for those registered for this Minor programme up to the 2022-23 academic year)

(\* The Minor programme has been renamed from ‘Political Science’ to ‘Government and International Affairs’ with retroactive effect from the 2019-20 Intake (Year 1). Students registered for the Minor in Political Science Programme in 2021-22 or before could opt out of the change by a stipulated deadline.)

Government and International Affairs is centrally concerned with the study of the nature of modern state and government, distribution of power, governance system and global politics. Students who declare a Minor in Government and International Affairs/Political Science can select a variety of courses offered by the Department of Government and International Affairs, including those on public administration, politics of Hong Kong and China, international politics, international political economy, comparative politics, political behavior, and political theory, etc. These courses will give students an in-depth understanding of the operation of the modern state and government, relationship between state and society and the stratification of power in an era of regionalisation and globalisation.

The Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences coordinates the offering of the Minor in Government and International Affairs/ Political Science.

Students whose Major is in any programmes other than that of BSocSc (Hons) in Government and International Affairs/ Political Science may qualify for a Minor in Government and International Affairs/ Political Science after successful completion of 15 credits (five courses) as detailed below:

**Required Course** (*3 credits*)

GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science\* (coded as POL2101 in 2021-22 or before)

**Elective Courses** (*12 credits*)

Any other 4 elective courses in the Government and International Affairs/ Political Science Major including

SSC4301 Policy-making, Collective Action and Public Choice, or

SSC4327 One Country, Two Systems: Central-Hong Kong SAR Relationships  
(not offered from 2021-22)

Notes: For students who have passed CUS3213 Culture, Power and Government in the 2017-18 academic year or before, they are not allowed to take GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science (coded as POL2101 in 2021-22 or before) if they wish to enroll in this Minor. They are required to take GOV3203 International Politics (coded as POL3203 in 2021-22 or before) or GOV3210 Comparative Politics (coded as POL3210 in 2021-22 or before) or GOV3217 Modern Political Ideologies (coded as POL3217 in 2021-22 or before) as a substitute.

\* Students who have taken GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science (coded as POL2101 in 2021-22 or before) as part of their programme requirement (e.g. BSocSc non-Government and International Affairs/ Political Science Majors) are required to take GOV3203 International Politics (coded as POL3203 in 2021-22 or before) or GOV3210 Comparative Politics (coded as POL3210 in 2021-22 or before) or GOV3217 Modern Political Ideologies (coded as POL3217 in 2021-22 or before) as a substitute.