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Introduction

BA in Public Policy and Management • Murdoch

Welcome to the Public Policy and Management Programme! This is an opportunity to obtain an Australian degree taught in Hong Kong at the University of Hong Kong's main campus. The programme is intended mainly for those who have completed the equivalent of first year of University or who have equivalent qualifications such as a Higher Diploma, Associate Degree or other subjects which you might have taken at university level. Of course, if you already have a degree, not in the area of public policy and management, and are looking, possibly, to switch careers or enhance your prospects in your present career, this might also be a suitable choice for you.

The aim of this programme is to provide the educational basis for administrative and management careers in the public and private sectors. The programme draws on units offered by Murdoch University's Politics and International Studies Programme in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, the Murdoch Business School and the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong. These units focus on central issues relating to the formulation and implementation of public policy and to the critical skills which policy analysts use in making public investment decisions and evaluating the success, or otherwise, of particular policies. There are also opportunities within the syllabus to study policy on a comparative basis, using the experience of other regions, particularly Asia, to assess and analyse Australian practice.

The Public Policy and Management programme is offered at both the Murdoch campus and in Hong Kong in association with the University of Hong Kong. The degree may be taken by full-time (three units per term) or part time study (one or two units per term). Our present students include both full-time and part-time enrolments. Some have come straight from Higher Diploma or Associate Degree programmes, some are public servants and some are working in the private sector. They are completing the degree at their own pace; some will complete it in as little as eighteen months, others may take two years, still others may prefer to accumulate their credits gradually and spend a longer period on the degree. Some started the BA in Public Policy and Management programme in Hong Kong and have chosen to complete their degree on the Murdoch campus in Perth. The flexibility of the programme allows you to choose the path which most suits your circumstances.

Murdoch University, which grants the degree, is located in Perth, Western Australia. It has one of the most highly qualified academic staff of any Australian University, and has an internationally recognised reputation as both a research and teaching institution.

The Politics and International Studies Programme administers the degree at Murdoch University. It teaches a wide range of units, which is reflected in the syllabus of the BA in Public Policy and Management.

The University of Hong Kong is Hong Kong's most prestigious University. The students will enjoy the advantages of studying at HKU's centrally located campuses and the opportunity that HKU's facilities and location give to students undertaking any course of study. The University of Hong Kong takes pride in the reputation of its highly qualified staff and its deservedly high reputation as both a teaching and research facility.

We would like to share with students our excitement at being able to be a part of this innovative venture. Both Murdoch University and the University of Hong Kong are committed to this programme. We are sure that students will find the degree programme both practically useful and enjoyable. Good luck with your studies!

Ian Cook

*Programme Chair
Politics and International Studies
Murdoch University*

Joseph Chan

*Head
Department of Politics and Public Administration
University of Hong Kong*

The Universities

Murdoch University

- Murdoch University was constituted on 25 July 1973 by an Act of the Parliament of Western Australia. It was the second university to be established in Perth and the seventeenth in Australia.
- The University is a research and teaching university with over 10,000 students and 1,000 staff. The academic staff of over 400 are among the best qualified of any university in Australia with over 70 per cent holding doctorates.
- Murdoch is currently rated one of the top teaching campuses of Australia's 37 public universities. This result came from the 1997 Unit Experience Questionnaire, published by the Graduate Careers Council of Australia. In 1999, the Good Universities Guide gave Murdoch the top five-star rating for the fifth consecutive year, the only university in Australia to achieve this recognition.
- The Politics and International Studies Programme offers units in such fields as public administration, Asian politics, public policy, international politics and political theory. Units which are successfully completed can be credited towards other programmes at Murdoch or to other Australian university programmes if a student decides to transfer.

The University of Hong Kong

- The University of Hong Kong, founded in 1911, is the oldest university in the territory. In 1997, it was rated the best university in Asia outside Japan.
- The University has over 10,000 students and 870 academic staff.
- The Department of Politics and Public Administration has a long tradition of teaching in this field. In addition to its regular units at the undergraduate level, which students admitted to this programme may attend, it has a well recognised Master of Public Administration degree which has been offered for the past twenty years.

Admission Requirements

Students are required to possess one of the following qualifications or their equivalent:

- (a) an Associate Degree or a Higher Diploma in Public Administration and Management
- (b) a Diploma in Housing Management or a Diploma in Transport Management from the University of Hong Kong; or
- (c) Part 1 at Murdoch University, or its equivalent; or
- (d) successful completion of the first year of study at an accredited university in Hong Kong, or its equivalent.

Prospective students without those qualifications may still be eligible for admission if they have some combination of units through previous study which is equivalent to the first year of university. Relevant work experience may also be taken into account in the admission decision. If you fall into that category, you are encouraged to seek further information regarding your eligibility by contacting Jane Hutchison, Politics and International Studies, Murdoch University:

email

J.Hutchison@murdoch.edu.au



Graduating students in the BA in Public Policy and Management.

Course Structure

The BA programme is structured to give students maximum flexibility. Most full-time students will be able to complete the programme in between 18 and 24 months but they may take longer if they so wish. Part-time students are able to work at a pace that accommodates their needs.

- Full-time students will enrol in 12 points of study per semester (three units) for a total of 24 points per year.
- Most students will require either 36 or 48 points worth of study in order to complete the 72 point degree.
- Part-time students may wish to enrol in less than three units per semester.

Teaching will normally be in the evenings between 6.30 and 8.30 or 9.00pm at the University or Hong Kong Campus. Occasionally, units may also be offered on Saturday afternoons, between 3.00pm and 5.00pm, also on the University of Hong Kong campus.

Students may also enrol in, and be credited with, units offered by the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong as part of its regular undergraduate programme. (Further details on the time-tabling of these units should be sought from the Department). In addition, students have a wide range of choices from the external programmes offered by Murdoch University. These are part of the regular curriculum of Murdoch University.

Advice on appropriate units should be sought from Jane Hutchison, Politics and International Studies, Murdoch University.

Units taught in the evening at the University of Hong Kong will consist of lectures and/or tutorials.

A note on the Murdoch degree structure:

Murdoch bachelor degrees require the completion of 72 points (most units are of three or four point value). If you are admitted to the BA in Public Policy and Management you will receive 24 to 48 points of credit towards the degree and will be required to make up the remaining 24 to 48 points through successful completion of Murdoch and HKU units.

Examples of credit given are:

Any degree 48 points

- Higher Diploma in Public Administration and Management or Diploma in Housing Management 36 points
- Associate of Social Sciences in Public Administration and Management (City University) 36 points
- Associate of Social Sciences in Community Development Management (City University) 36 points
- Associate of Arts (University of Hong Kong) 36 points
- Associate of Business Administration (University of Hong Kong) 36 points
- Diploma in Social Work 24 points
- Associate Degree (Lingnan University) 24 points

These are indicative only, and it is possible that, if you have a Higher Diploma or an Associate Degree, or perhaps even other qualifications equivalent to the first year of university study, you may be entitled to advanced standing.

The course structure is as follows:

Required Course

POL250 Public Sector Management 4 points

OR

HKU255 Public Sector Management (HKU) 4 points

Elective Units

These units may be taught in Hong Kong by Murdoch University staff or University of Hong Kong staff. In some cases, they may be taken externally from Murdoch or during the day as part of the Department of Politics and Public Administration's regular undergraduate programme.



Some Graduates

Carol Wan Mei-wa

Carol graduated from the BA in Public Policy and Management in 2000. She was the first student on the programme to be awarded a scholarship to study at Murdoch. Since she graduated from the programme she has taken up employment as Financial Service Manager of the HSBC. She has also recently graduated from the Master of International Business Management programme at City University of Hong Kong.



Yeung Sai Him, John

John graduated from the programme in 2000. He has worked in the Fire Services Department for many years and is now Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer. John has also recently graduated from the Master of International and Public Affairs at the University of Hong Kong.



Wong Pui Shan, Deedy

As a scholarship holder in 2000, Deedy studied at the Murdoch University campus for about 5 months. She graduated from the BA programme in July 2000 with a desire to work with minority groups. As a result, she is employed as an Arts administration officer with the Disabled Association of Hong Kong. With a view to acquiring more knowledge of the art field, Deedy is currently studying Arts Management at the Hong Kong Arts Centre.



Grading System

Units are assessed, both for Murdoch University and the University of Hong Kong, according to the following grading system:

Murdoch University

%	
90 - 80	High Distinction
79 - 70	Distinction
69 - 60	Credit
59 - 50	Pass

University of Hong Kong

%		%		%	
90	A+	67	B+	57	C+
80	A	64	B	54	C
70	A-	60	B-	50	C-
				40 - 49	D

It is the policy of Murdoch University and the University of Hong Kong that students have the following responsibilities in the assessment process:

- to take the initiative to consult with appropriate academic staff when problems arise;
- to ensure that they receive from the Course Co-ordinator a written statement of the assessment requirements of the unit;
- to comply with instructions issued as a part of the assessment process;
- to meet deadlines for work to be submitted as set out in the study guide;
- to submit for assessment only that work which is their own individual and unassisted work, except as otherwise permitted;
- and to submit with all written work for continuous assessment a cover sheet which includes a signed declaration "except where I have indicated, the work I am submitting in this assignment is my own work and has not been submitted for assessment in another unit".

Students are required to pass the required unit but may re-take the unit if they fail in the first instance. For all other units, a student who fails the unit may re-take it or select another option.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to take time off work to attend the degree programme?

No. The core units are offered in the evenings by staff of Murdoch University and the University of Hong Kong. You may take electives by distance learning from Murdoch, some of which will also be taught in the evenings in Hong Kong. You may also if you wish take the regular day-time units offered by the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong but you are not required to do so.

Who are the teachers of this programme?

The programme is taught by regular staff of the University of Hong Kong and Murdoch University at Lecturer and Assistant Professor level and above. Their qualifications are listed in this programme brochure; most have PhDs. You will not be taught by tutors or demonstrators.

Is this degree recognised by the Hong Kong Government?

Yes. As with any degree from an established Australian University, the BA in Public Policy and Management is recognised as the equivalent of any local undergraduate degree. The BA in Public Policy and Management is an exempt degree under section 8 of the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance.

How quickly can I complete the degree?

Since the degree is a conversion programme, credit points are awarded for the degree. The maximum amount of credit is 48 points which could lead to the completion of the degree in one year. For Higher Diploma holders the normal amount of credit is 36 points which could lead to the completion of the degree in eighteen months.

I am very busy at work. Can I complete the degree more slowly?

Yes. You are not required to enrol in more than one unit per semester and may enrol in a maximum of three units. The emphasis in this programme is on flexibility.

What choices do I have on the programme?

You have a wide range of choices which are listed in the unit brochure. The only required unit is POL250 Public Sector Management or HKU255 Public Sector Management.

Can I go on to post-graduate studies after I complete this degree?

Yes, once your marks are good enough for entry to postgraduate programmes. The BA in Public Policy and Management is the equivalent of any local undergraduate degree and will provide the entry level qualification for masters by coursework in reputable universities around the

world. You may wish to note, too, that the University of Hong Kong and Murdoch University offer a Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Management for which BA graduates are eligible to apply. This will constitute the equivalent of the first year of the University of Hong Kong's prestigious Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree and successful Diploma holders may apply for admission to the second year of that programme.

Can I suspend my studies?

Yes. Once you have commenced your studies, you can suspend for a maximum period of two semesters. Suspensions will only be granted to students who have previously passed half their units, or who have recently failed because of personal circumstances. Written applications to suspend must be made to Professor Ian Scott.

Can I park on campus?

You can obtain application forms for evening parking from the Department Secretary, Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong.
Telephone 2241 5562 or e-mail psdhku@hkucc.hku.hk.

Where do I send my assignments?

All essays and assignments for Murdoch units should be sent to hongkong@murdoch.edu.au. Regardless of any other address you may receive with your unit materials, students should only send their assignments to this email address. Please ignore any other addresses sent to you by the University. Please do not send the essay directly to the lecturer concerned. When assignments are received you will get an email back acknowledging receipt. Please wait one week after sending the assignment and then if you have not received an acknowledgement please contact us. If you do not notify us you will not be able to claim later that you were unaware that we had not received your assignment.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your assignment arrives. If you cannot produce an email acknowledging the receipt of your assignment you will not be given the opportunity to submit outstanding essays at the end of semester.

Student Cards

Murdoch students are entitled to a student card. If you require one you should contact Janice Pell at J.Pell@murdoch.edu.au who will assist you. She will require you to send her a passport sized, original photograph of yourself with an endorsement written on the back : "This is a true likeness of ..." and signed by someone other than a family member. She will also require a specimen signature from you plus your student number.

Academic Transcripts

When you graduate we will automatically send you your Academic Transcript at no charge. This usually takes a few weeks after all the exam results are in and will show all units undertaken and the grades achieved.

Students who require Academic Transcripts before they complete the programme need to contact graduations@murdoch.edu.au. The cost is \$AUD10.00 per transcript and takes about two weeks.

Degree certificates are sent out automatically after the Graduation Ceremonies are held in Perth and Singapore in March and September. If you attend a graduation ceremony the certificate will be presented to you. For the majority of students who are unable to attend the official graduation ceremony, we hold an informal tea gathering in January of each year, at which time you will be able to borrow a gown for photograph taking etc.

Library Cards

Reader cards for the University of Hong Kong Library are issued to BA in Public Policy and Management students, but you can if you wish upgrade to a borrowers card by paying the cost difference to the Library which at present is \$HK1,029 per annum

MYINFO (University student web page)

<http://myinfo.murdoch.edu.au>

All students have access to MYINFO on the Murdoch University Web page. You can access this by using your student number and your pin number which will be sent to you shortly after your enrolment has been completed. On MYINFO you can access your records such as enrolment, exam results, etc. If you have any trouble accessing this site please contact helpdesk@student.murdoch.edu.au who are there to assist.

Bank Loans

The Programme Chair is able to provide a supporting letter for students seeking a bank loan for their expenses. The Head of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong will also write a letter for students in good standing who require financial support.

Where can I get more information?

If you still have further questions, please contact the Murdoch Coordinator

e-mail J.Hutchison@murdoch.edu.au

or write to -

**Ms Jane Hutchison,
Politics and International Studies
Murdoch University
Murdoch WA 6150
Australia**

Murdoch Scholarships

The Politics and International Studies Programme in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities offers one or, at most, two scholarships to study at Murdoch for one semester. The scholarship(s) are open only to students in the BA in Public Policy and Management programme. They have a value of A\$2,500. Fees for units taken at Murdoch will also be waived. The criteria for selecting successful applicants will be :

- academic performance;
- no more than 12 points required to graduate;
- reasons for wishing to study at Murdoch

The first scholarship was awarded in July, 1999. Applications are normally called for in August/September.

Glossary

External Studies

The term used at Murdoch for distance learning. Off-campus external students have their study materials sent to them by post. These study materials generally consist of a study guide and a bound volume of readings. Sometimes lecture tapes are also included, but increasingly lectures are being made available on-line, through iLecture. Some unit resources will also be available on-line.

All external students are assigned a Murdoch staff member as their lecturer. That lecturer will be available to answer your questions and to mark your written work. You may contact your lecturer by post, telephone or e-mail. Note that for external units you may e-mail your assignments directly to the lecturer at hongkong@murdoch.edu.au.

The lecturer will then print out your assignment and give it to the unit coordinator for marking who will then return it to you by post. Murdoch University has more than twenty years experience with external teaching. There are past and present off-campus external students all over the world!

Evening

Units are taught in the evening at the University of Hong Kong.

Internal

These are regular University of Hong Kong courses which are taught during the day-time.

Teaching Staff and their Qualifications

Coordinators

Ms Jane Hutchison

Professor Ian Scott

Murdoch University

David Brown

BA (Hons), PhD • Associate Professor

David previously lectured at Ahmadu Bello University, Birmingham University, and the National University of Singapore, and has taught in various areas including African politics, political theory, political development, and ethnic politics. He has undertaken research mainly on contemporary nationalism, on ethnic politics in southeast Asia, and on local and ethnic politics in Ghana and Togo.

Ian Cook

BA (Hons), PhD • Senior Lecturer

Ian Cook received his doctorate from the University of Queensland where he held a post teaching political theory, before he came to teach in the same field at Murdoch in 1992. His general field of interest is political theories and theorising (from the classical through the modern to the postmodern). He is also interested in more specific issues such as: the implication for politics of the development and proliferation of the Internet and other forms of human networking; conceptions of Leadership and Power; and masculinity and its effects on thinking about and practising politics.

Janice Dudley

BSc (Hons), BEd (Hons) • Lecturer

Janice Dudley has degrees in Science and Education. Whilst her major research focus is federal Australian education policy, she also has interests in environmental political thought, globalisation, the reconstruction of political ideas of citizenship, and citizenship education.

Paul Flatau

BEd, MEd • Senior Lecturer

Paul's main research interests are in the fields of labour economics, social policy and the history of economic thought. He has published in both Australia and international journals on a range of topics but particularly in the areas of unemployment and immigration.

Jane Hutchison - Course Coordinator

AssocDipAg, BA (Hons) • Lecturer

Jane is a Lecturer in the Social Sciences and Humanities Programme with responsibility for teaching in the areas of international political economy, environmental politics and women and development.

Sam Makinda

BA, PhD • Associate Professor

Sam been a researcher at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC, the Centre for Strategic and International studies in Jakarta, the Global Security Programme at the University of Cambridge, and St. Anthony's College, Oxford. He was a foreign affairs analyst in the Parliamentary Research Service at the Australian Federal Parliament in 1985/86.

Michael Sturma

BA, MA, PhD • Senior Lecturer

Michael is a historian. His research interests cover policing and crime, film and history, sexuality and South Pacific history.

Jeannette Taylor

BCom, MBA, PhD • Lecturer

Jeannette worked in the Malaysian public sector before completing her MBA and PhD at Murdoch. She is now a lecturer in the Politics and International Studies Programme in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, specialising in public sector management and public policy.

Malcolm Tull

BSc, PhD • Associate Professor

Malcolm's principal research interests are in Asian economic development and maritime economics and economic history. He has published in numerous journals including the Australian Economic History Review, Economic Papers, the International Journal of Maritime History and the Journal of Transport History. He is currently undertaking research on microeconomic reform in the port transport industry. Malcolm is a member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Maritime History and represents Australia on the International Commission for Maritime History.

University of Hong Kong

Ian Scott - Course Coordinator

BSc (Econ), MA, PhD • Professor

Ian held the Chair of Politics and Government at Murdoch University from 1995-2002 but has since re-joined the University of Hong Kong. His research interests and publications mainly relate to Hong Kong.

Ian Thynne

BA, BA (Hons), PhD • Visiting Associate Professor

Ian has taught and researched aspects of public policy, administration and management in New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Hong Kong. His research interests and publications concern the mechanisms of accountability and control in government, corporatisation and privatisation strategies, and other elements of public sector reform.

John P Burns

BA, MPhil, PhD • Professor

Professor of Politics and Public Administration. He obtained his PhD from Columbia University and has taught at the University of Hong Kong for 20 Years. His teaching and research interests focus on public administration in China and Hong Kong.

Joseph C W Chan

BSocSc, MSc, PhD • Associate Professor

Joseph obtained his doctorate from the University of Oxford. His teaching and research interests lie in contemporary political philosophy, theory and practice of human rights, Confucian political philosophy, and Aristotle's political philosophy.

Peter T Y Cheung

BSocSC, MA, PhD • Associate Professor

Peter graduated from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1981 with a 1st class honours degree and then obtained a MA from Indiana University in 1983 and a PhD from the University of Washington, Seattle in 1993. He taught at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 1991 and 1992 before moving to this University. His research focuses on the politics of economic reform in South China, the development strategy of Guangzhou, Tianjin, and Shanghai, provincial leadership and reform strategy as well as central provincial relations.

Richard W X Hu

BA, MA, PhD • Associate Professor

He received his undergraduate degree in international politics from Peking University, M.A. in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University SAIS, and Ph.D. in political science from University of Maryland in the U.S.A. He taught five years in the U.S.A. before joining the HKU staff in 1997. Richard's teaching and research interests focus on international relations, world political economy, foreign policy studies and east Asian politics.

Wai-Fung Lam

BSocSc, PhD • Associate Professor

Dr Lam finished his undergraduate study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and obtained his PhD in public policy from Indiana University. His major research foci have evolved around institutional policy analysis, public organisations, resource management, and public sector reform.

Sonny S H Lo

BA, MA, PhD • Associate Professor

Sonny completed his graduate education at the University of Toronto. He has written extensively on the politics of Hong Kong and Macau and teaches the unit on Hong Kong politics.

James T H Tang

BA, MPhil, PhD • Associate Professor

James is a former graduate of the University. He undertook post-graduate work in the UK, obtaining an MPhil degree in international relations from Cambridge University and his PhD from the London School of Economics. His research interests are in international relations in the Asia-Pacific region, political-economic changes in east Asia, and Hong Kong's political transition.

Irene L K Tong

BA (Hons), MA • Assistant Professor

Irene received her undergraduate and post-graduate training at the University of Hong Kong and the University of Toronto respectively. She specialises in gender and politics of development.

Unit Descriptions

Murdoch Units (4 points)

POL257 • Authoritarianism and Democracy in Asia

Lecturer - Professor Rodan

The central question examined in this unit is the relationship between capitalist market development and political change in east and southeast Asia. Consideration is given to whether authoritarian regimes are a necessary casualty of capitalism's consolidation and maturity. Alternately, are some or all of the authoritarian regimes in the region sufficiently adaptable to survive the economic and social transformations associated with market development? What factors mediate the political impacts of capitalist development in east and southeast Asia? Is liberal democracy a likely possibility or are there other post-authoritarian political directions surfacing? What is the extent and form of political oppositions emerging in authoritarian societies in the region and what are their implications for political change? The unit engages with major and topical theoretical debates about the comparative and historical experiences of capitalist development and democracy.

BUS272 • Changing Economies of Asia

Lecturer - Dr Sathiendrakumar

This unit involves a comparative examination of the development and economic performance of selected Asian economies since 1945. The spectacular performance of some Asian economies has shifted the world balance of economic power and has major implications for all trading nations. Topics: the Asian economic crisis, government policy, export-led growth, financial markets, corporate governance, labour markets, the environment and income distribution.

POL299 • Changing Global Political Economy

Lecturer - Ms Hutchison

Globalisation is a highly contested phenomenon. This unit examines key controversies surrounding the extent of economic globalisation, the forces behind it and possible social and political consequences. Areas covered include: competing theoretical perspectives on the free trade; foreign investment; global money markets; international institutions such as the IMF; global cities; labour migration; the new information age; and prospects for resistance. The unit is designed so students do not require a background in economics.

POL285 • Environmental Politics**Lecturer - Ms Dudley**

The environment is a focus of political contest and struggle - over values, over the perceived rights of interested groups of 'stakeholders', over the relationship between human beings and the non-human natural world, and over the meaning or interpretation of technical or 'factual' data. This unit critically examines the issues. Grounded in an introduction to green political theory, it poses questions about ecological democracy and citizenship. We consider the manner in which administrative rationality and economic rationality frame ecological priorities and policy dilemmas such as forests policy, the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions, water management and ecologically sustainable development.

POL229 • Ethnic Conflict and Multiculturalism**Lecturer - Dr Brown**

This unit examines the reasons behind the proliferation of ethnic and nationalist disputes, and also the reasons why nation-states have problems in politically managing multiculturalist and ethnic separatist claims. This involves discussing the competing ideas of multicultural nationalism, cultural (assimilationist) nationalism, and civic nationalism. Cases of violent conflict are discussed as well as those cases, such as Australia and Canada, where the relationships between civic, cultural and multicultural claims remain partially unresolved. Students are encouraged to focus on a case study of their choice.

POL375 • POL575 Issues in Public Policy**Lecturer - Dr Taylor**

This unit offers an opportunity for advanced work in public policies. Students learn more about the public policy-making process, such as the essential issues in policy agenda, policy transfer, and policy networks. Students also get a chance to expand their knowledge about current policy issues from a wide range of sectors, such as media, immigration, higher education, environment and health.

BUS263 • Globalisation and Development**Lecturer - A/Prof Leeson**

This unit will examine the global forces (finance, trade and information technology) which are transforming international economic relations. The economic management of developing nations will be analysed within the context of these changes. Specific questions will be asked such as: Why are some countries wealthier than others? Why are the inhabitants of some countries desperately poor? Is there a relationship between income inequality and economic growth? Can inequality be reduced? Are market forces or governments superior social organisers, or are they complementary? Is economic growth inevitably in conflict with environmental considerations?

POL260 • Modern Theories of the State**Lecturer - Dr Cook**

The aim of this unit is to examine some of the major theoretical frameworks for the analysis of the state and its roles in society. While theoretical debates and issues are at the core of this unit, students will be given the opportunity to examine theories of the state in the context of selected case studies.

POL215 • Politics and the Internet**Lecturer - Dr Cook**

A myriad of political issues are raised by the increasing use of the Internet for communication, commerce and entertainment. These issues concern both users and non-users. Non-users face problems associated with being increasingly marginalised and, therefore, unable to participate in the commercial, bureaucratic and government decisions that shape their lives. Users must address questions that go to the control of access and information available through the Internet. Other issues raised by the growth of the Internet include the effects it has on political decision-making and human relationships.

POL250 • Public Sector Management**Lecturer - Dr Taylor**

Are bureaucracies inherently large, inefficient, dehumanizing and corrupt institutions or are they genuinely serving the public interest? This unit compares traditional practice with the contemporary changes over the last two decades, some of which have had mixed success. The unit provides both an introduction to, and, a critical analysis of, the reform agenda.

BUS281 • Public Sector Economics**Lecturer - Mr Flatau**

This unit undertakes an analysis of the economic institutions and policies in the public sector. In addition, it equips students with the relevant analytical techniques used in the public sector such as cost benefit analysis. Topics: public expenditure theories; taxation principles and tax reform proposals; government borrowing; regulation and deregulation including the regulation of natural monopolies; public enterprises and privatisation; public choice theory; fiscal federalism and income redistribution policies.

POL219 • Research Methods and Communication**Lecturer - Dr Sturma**

This unit is specifically designed to develop a range of skills that will assist in subsequent university studies and lifelong learning. The main components of the unit focus on critical thinking, research and written communication. The topics discussed will include constructing an argument, formulating research questions, essay writing and referencing.

University of Hong Kong Units (4 points)

HKU251 • Managing People in Public Organisations

Lecturer - Professor Burns

This unit examines the environment, institutions, processes and issues involved in the management of people in public organisations, particularly in Hong Kong. Comparisons are made to the experience of managing people in Public organisations in the rest of China and in the USA.

HKU255 • Public Sector Management

Lecturer - Dr Thynne

This unit examines the structural design and operation of public sector organisations. Issues addressed include: the use of various types of organisations; the adoption of corporatisation and privatisation strategies; and other aspects of public sector reform.

HKU256 • Hong Kong Politics

Lecturer - Dr Lo

This unit focuses on the legal and institutional structure of the Hong Kong government and the public sector. The political culture and attitudes of the Hong Kong people are discussed, as are pressure groups and political parties.

HKU257 • China and Hong Kong: The Politics of Transition

Lecturer - Dr Lo

The development of relations between China and Hong Kong since 1979 is critical to an understanding of Hong Kong's current political problems. This unit focuses on the Sino-British negotiations, the Joint Declaration, the Basic Law and issues of autonomy, representative government and Hong Kong's political, economic and legal interactions with China.

HKU260 • Governing China

Lecturer - Dr Cheung

This unit is an introduction to contemporary Chinese politics. Its main objective is to examine the ideology, structure and processes of the contemporary Chinese political system, and to explore the socio-economic consequences, achievements and problems of Chinese communism.

HKU261 • Public Administration in China

Lecturer - Dr Cheung

This unit aims to provide a critical introduction to public administration in contemporary China. Key topics that will be covered include the organisation of the political system, policymaking and

implementation, management and reform of the civil service, local government, public finance, and the relationship between government and business. The political and administrative implications of China's integration into the world economy will also be examined.

HKU265 • Hong Kong and the World**Lecturer - Dr Tang**

Hong Kong's interactions with the outside world are critical to its role as a major international city which serves as an economic/information/communication hub in the Asia-pacific region. This unit examines the multiple and complex relations between Hong Kong and the world by examining the Special Administrative Region's special international status, the political implications of its external economic-social links, and its complex identities as a Chinese-global city. By exploring these themes with reference to the functioning of the international system, this unit will provide students with in-depth knowledge of Hong Kong's links with the outside world and enhance their understanding of world affairs.

HKU264 • Public Financial Management**Lecturer - Dr Mushkat**

This unit examines public financial systems as a recurring process of planning, control and evaluation in the acquisition, allocation and use of scarce public resources. Emphasis will be placed on the political and socio-economic aspects of the process, with examples drawn from Hong Kong and other countries.

HKU266 • Gender and Development**Lecturer - Ms Tong**

This unit introduces a gender dimension to the study of Third World politics. It traces the development of gender concerns in western development theory and practice in the past three decades, and explores in greater depth some of the key themes which arise from the situation of the developing world today. These themes include colonialism and decolonization; nationalism; democratization; globalization and economic restructuring; as well as local and international women's movements. It is hoped that through examples drawn from different cultural and political contexts (especially Asia), and through a wide selection of videos and films, students would come to appreciate the complexity of 'development', and the contributions that a gender perspective could make.

HKU267 • Public Administration in Hong Kong**Lecturer – Professor Scott**

Hong Kong has been described as an administrative state because of the unique features that public administration dominates both policy-making and policy implementation. The purpose of this unit is to introduce students to the major issues confronting public administration in Hong Kong and to consider questions of accountability in public administration.

HKU269 • Managing the Global Economy**Lecturer – Dr Wang**

This course examines the interaction of politics and economics in international relations with reference to the world economy's most dynamic region - the Asia-Pacific. It identifies the political considerations in global economic relations and analyses the impact of economic factors on international relations. With reference to developments in the Asia-Pacific region, the course addresses four major areas. First, different theoretical perspectives on the free market global economy such as free trade versus environmental protection and competing priorities in different countries. Second, the key institutions in the global economic system — the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization (WTO). Third, critical issues in East Asia such as the role of the state in economic management, security and political factors in international economic relations and the prospects of regional economic co-operation. Finally, the major political challenges arising from economic conflicts in individual countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

HKU272 • Women and Politics**Lecturer – Ms Tong**

What has politics to do with women and what have women to do with politics? The first part of the unit explores the concept of citizenship and the role of women in the body politic. How well do women fare as candidates in elections? Is there a glass ceiling for women who pursue a career in government? The second part of the unit takes a comparative perspective on legislative recruitment and representation in public bureaucracies. Do women behave differently when they are in positions of power? Could women transform the nature and content of politics? The last part of the unit focuses on women's political behaviour and discusses their capacity to transform politics.

HKU273 • Hong Kong and South China: The political economy of regional development and cooperation**Lecturer - Dr Cheung**

The growing integration between Hong Kong and south China has profound implications not only for this region, but also for China and Asia as a whole. This unit aims to analyse such an important development and its many implications. It is divided into three parts. Part I offers an overview of the development of the south China region. Theoretical approaches in the study of regionalism, intergovernmental relations and globalization would also be introduced and their relevance for studying south China would be explored. Part II examines the social, economic and political links between Hong Kong and Greater China and the development experience of south China since the late 1970s. Part III will focus on several key issues in regional development and cooperation in the south China region, including intergovernmental cooperation mechanisms, economic and technological development, demographic flows, boundary control, transportation and infra-structural development, as well as environmental management.



How Do I Apply?

1. Obtain an application form from the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.
2. Return it, together with any transcripts of previous units, and a cheque for HK \$100 made payable to the University of Hong Kong, to the Department Secretary, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.
3. You will be informed if your application has been successful and how much credit you have been awarded towards the completion of your degree. Enrolment will normally take place at the University of Hong Kong in the second week of December for Semester A with the first unit commencing in January. For Semester B, enrolments will normally take place in early June with the first unit commencing soon after this.

Fee Structure

Fees are payable on enrolment in December and June of each year. Fees are HK \$7,332 per unit. Thus a full-time student enrolled in three units per semester would pay HK \$21,996. If less than three units were taken in any semester then the amount payable would be calculated on a pro-rata basis (i.e. HK \$7,332 per unit).

Refunds

Should a student wish to withdraw from a unit, fees, minus an administration charge of \$50, are refundable up until 5pm of the Friday of the first week of classes. Notice of Withdrawal must be lodged with Jane Hutchison, Course Co-ordinator, Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Management, Politics and International Studies, Murdoch University, Murdoch, Western Australia 6150, Australia.

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