



Academic Mentorship Scheme
for Geography/ Urban Governance Majors



Happy Moments



Undergraduate Tea Gathering



Local Field Trip



Non-local Field Studies

ACADEMIC AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

C.N. Ng Memorial Prize in Environmental Sustainability

Dr. Stephen S.F. Hui Prizes in Geography

Esri China (Hong Kong) Prize in GIS & Geospatial Analysis

GIS Academy Scholarship

Hui Oi-Chow Prize in Geography

Hui Yin Hing Scholarship

Maisie Choa Geography Prize

Stewart Richards Memorial Prize for Best U.K. Field Trip Performance

The 1973 Geography Graduates Scholarship

The Royal Geographical Society – Hong Kong Undergraduate Research Grant

T.N. Chiu Memorial Prize for Best Geography Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Jobs directly related to Urban Governance

- Urban Planning
- Transport Planning
- Government

Jobs using transferable skills related to Urban Governance in other careers

- Administration
- Civil Services
- Consultancy
- NGOs

Continue in postgraduate study and training in Urban Governance and Other Disciplines

- Taught postgraduate programme and research degree (MPhil & PhD) in urban planning & governance



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

SECOND MAJOR/MINOR IN URBAN GOVERNANCE 2025-2026

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ACADEMIC PLANS

DOUBLE MAJOR (Minimum 72 credits)
For BSocSc, BA, BBA, BSc students etc.

MINOR (Minimum 36 credits)

ELECTIVE

Ranked **#10** in the world, **#3** in Asia and **#1** in Hong Kong in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

World-class expertise and facilities in teaching and research

International faculty members and experienced practitioners with cutting edge knowledge

Contemporary and well-designed curricula in geographical theories, training and transferable skills

Curricula regularly updated to keep to the highest standard and on par with similar top programmes overseas

Wide-range of career opportunities after graduation

Diverse research programmes covering climate change and the environment, water management, GIS and geospatial analysis, sustainable development, human geography, tourism and recreation, urban and transport planning, urbanization and regional governance in China and the Asia Pacific

ABOUT HKU GEOGRAPHY

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE:

Component	No. of Credits	
	Major	Minor
(a) Introductory courses (Level 100)		
● ● ● (i) Disciplinary course(s)	6	6
● ● (ii) Pre-requisite course(s)	12	-
(b) Advanced courses (Level 200, 300, 400)		
● ● ● (i) Core course(s)	18	12
● ● ● (ii) Disciplinary elective(s)	30	18
● (iii) Capstone experience course(s)	6	-
Total:		
	72	36

(a) Introductory courses

● ● ● (i) **Disciplinary courses** (6 credits each)

One disciplinary course (6 credits) from the following list

GEOG1002 Hong Kong: Land People and Resources
GEOG1003 Contemporary Global Environmental Issues
GEOG1005 Map Use, Reading and Interpretation
GEOG1012 Economic and Social Development in an Urbanizing World
GEOG1016 Nature Conservation for Sustainable Societies
GEOG1017 Human Geography in a Globalizing World
GEOG1021 Geographic Issues of Polar Regions
GEOG1022 Global Change and Sustainable Development

● ● (ii) **Pre-requisite courses**

Two pre-requisite courses (12 credits) from the following 6 units, but not more than one from a single unit

Faculty of Social Sciences / Geography /
Politics and Public Administration / Psychology /
Social Work and Social Administration / Sociology

(b) Advanced courses

● ● ● (i) **Core courses** (6 credits each)

Three courses (6 credits each, with a total of 18 credits) for major
Two courses (with a total of 12 credits) for minor

GEOG2013 Sustainable Development
GEOG2030 Global Development
GEOG2065 Urban Planning: Principles and Practices
GEOG3420 Transport and the Society

● ● ● (ii) **Disciplinary electives courses** ** (6 credits each)

30 credits for major; 18 credits for minor

** **Urban Governance Major students are strongly advised to take one of the following method-related courses**

Methods-related courses

GEOG2090 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
GEOG2120 Introductory Spatial Analysis
GEOG2130 Field Methods in Geography
GEOG4005 Research Frontiers in Physical Geography
GEOG4006 Research Frontiers in Human Geography
GEOG4007 Advanced Remote Sensing and GIS

Other courses grouped under three major themes

(1) Urban Planning & Transport Management
(2) Sustainability & Development
(3) Urban Economy & Society

Full list of the three major themes courses &
Requirements of Major/Minor programmes:

geog.hku.hk/second-major-minor-in-urban-governance

● ● (iii) **Capstone experience courses** (6 credits each)

6 credits for major only, to be taken in Year 4

GEOG4001 Non-local Field Studies
GEOG4004 Directed Project in Urban Governance

Full list of geography courses: geog.hku.hk/list-of-courses

