



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 Geography

- Urban / Transport Planning
- Environmental Consultancy
- Tourism / Recreation
- Green Groups / NGOs

### Jobs using transferable skills related to Geography in other careers

- Administration / Government
- Finance / Banking
- Marketing & Sales / Media
- Teaching

### Continue in postgraduate study and training in Geography and Other Disciplines

- Careers in teaching & research
- Study for higher degrees
- Qualification for entry into specialist professions



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

DISCIPLINARY MAJOR/MINOR IN  
**GEOGRAPHY**  
2025-2026

# HKU GEOG

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# ACADEMIC PLANS

**SINGLE MAJOR** (Minimum 96 credits)  
For BSocSc students only.

**DOUBLE MAJOR** (Minimum 96 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
<b>(a) Introductory courses (Level 100)</b>		
● ● ● (i) Disciplinary course(s)	12	6
● ● (ii) Pre-requisite course(s)	12	-
<b>(b) Advanced courses (Level 200, 300, 400)</b>		
● ● ● ● (i) Disciplinary method course(s)	6	-
● ● ● ● (ii) Disciplinary elective(s)	30-36	30
● ● (iii) Capstone experience course(s)	6-12	-
● ● (iv) Social innovation and global citizenship	24	-
<b>Total:</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>36</b>

## (a) Introductory courses

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

Two courses (12 credits) for major students, compulsory for programme fulfilment\*, One (6 credits) for Minor 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\*  
GEOG1020 Modern Maps in the Age of Big Data  
GEOG1021 Geographic Issues in Polar Regions  
GEOG1022 Global Change and Sustainable Development

● ● (ii) Pre-requisite courses

Two pre-requisite courses (12 credits) from the following 5 units, but not more than one from a single unit

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

## (b) Advanced courses

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

One (or preferably two) of the following core methods-related courses

GEOG2090 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems  
GEOG2120 Introductory Spatial Analysis  
GEOG2130 Field Methods in Geography  
GEOG2147 Building Smart Cities with GIS  
GEOG2156 Understanding Global Environmental Changes from Images  
GEOG2157 Open-source GIS  
GEOG3432 GIS Workshop  
GEOG3433 Applied Geostatistics for Urban Studies

● ● ● ● (ii) Disciplinary elective courses \*\*

From 30 to 36 credits for major; 30 credits for minor

You might choose based on your interests and your choice of specific sub-discipline e.g. Physical & Environmental Study / Human & Cultural / Urban & Transport Development to enable you to pursue your chosen career path or to continue on with higher education.



Full list of geography courses: [geog.hku.hk/list-of-courses](http://geog.hku.hk/list-of-courses)

\*\* Geography Major students are encouraged to take more number of credits beyond the minimum requirement.

● ● ● (iii) Capstone experience courses

From 6 to 12 credits for major only, to be taken in Year 4

GEOG4001 Non-local Field Studies (6 credits)  
GEOG4002 Directed Project in Geography (6 credits)  
GEOG4003 Honours Dissertation (12 credits)

● ● ● (iv) Social innovation and global citizenship

24 credits for major only

(For BSocSc students)

FOSS2018 Social Innovation Internship (12 credits)  
FOSS2019 Global Citizenship Internship (12 credits)  
FOSS2022 Global Intensive Learning Programme (6 credits)  
FOSS2023 Global Social Impact Lab (6 credits)

OR

(For non-BSocSc students)

Non-BSocSc students can take any advanced-level courses to fulfil the SIGC requirements



Requirements of Major/Minor programmes: [geog.hku.hk/major-minor-in-geog](http://geog.hku.hk/major-minor-in-geog)