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MSSc in

# Government and Politics (Greater China) 2025/26

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with a global vision, independent thinking,  
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## Message from the Programme Director

### Professor ZHAN Jing Vivian



No matter how we see it, drastic historical changes are descending. The sleeping lion of China has not only awakened but also started to spread its footprints around the world. Looking back at the thousands of years of world history, each time when a power rises, it generates shocks that impact on even the far corners of the world. For us who live in the 21st century, we are destined to witness the arrival of a new era. Then the question is: how do we position ourselves and prepare for the extraordinary uncertainties ahead?

For those who are curious about what a rising China means and how we can get ready for the upcoming challenges, it is crucial to unpack the gigantic entity that's called Greater China, including its political institutions and thoughts, economic system and

development, social structures and movements, internal relations between the Mainland, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macao, and external relations with the outside world. Only when we understand where the China we see today comes from, can we make informed judgments about where it goes in the future.

Against this background, the MSSc Program in Government and Politics (Greater China) was launched in 2012 to provide a platform for students to learn about the aforementioned aspects of the Greater China, to engage in intellectual dialogue and exploration with established China scholars, and to develop the capabilities of independent and critical thinking based on facts and from multiple angles. Our graduates are now pursuing divergent and flourishing careers in public service, civil society, academia, media, business etc. In the years to come, the GPGC program aims to continue to train independent, forward-looking China analysts who can use their knowledge to turn the formidable challenges associated with China's rise into precious opportunities for not only the advancement of their own careers but also the betterment of the whole society.

## Programme Highlights

### MSSc Programme in Government and Politics (Greater China)

- Based in the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), which is ranked 36th in the QS World University Rankings 2025
- CUHK's Politics and International Studies ranks 58th in Times Higher Education Rankings by Subject
- Has a broader geographical and thematic coverage than most of Master of Art programmes in China Studies. Geographically it covers Greater China (Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao). Thematically it provides unique insights into major subjects, such as institution & reform, public administration, political economy, foreign policies & regional international relations, democracy & rule of law, environmental politics, state-society relations, and political communications.
- Emphasizes social science perspective and research methodology
- Taught by faculty of the School of Governance and Policy Science and renowned scholars from Greater China and overseas
- Offered primarily in English with elective options in Mandarin Chinese, welcoming students from diverse backgrounds aspiring to take on leadership roles in the region and beyond

Mode of Study	Normative Study Period	Maximum Study Period	Graduation requirement
Full-time	1 year (2 terms)	3 years (6 terms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete at least 8 courses (4 required courses and 4 elective courses)</li> <li>Achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0</li> </ul>
Part-time	2 years (4 terms)	4 years (8 terms)	

## Study Scheme

Students are required to complete a minimum of 24 units of courses (8 courses):

### REQUIRED COURSES

GPGC5001	Institution and Reform in Contemporary China
GPGC5003	Greater China and the World
GPGC5004	Public Policy and Administration in Greater China
GPGC5005	Methods in Social Science Research

### ELECTIVE COURSES (Any four courses)

GPGC5002	HK, Macao, Taiwan Politics in Comparative Perspective
GPGC5101	Political Economy and Business Environment of Greater China
GPGC5102	Politics of Transition and Greater China
GPGC5103	Anti-Corruption in Comparative Perspective
GPGC5104	Taiwan in Comparative Perspective

GPGC5105	Public Governance and Civil Service in Hong Kong
GPGC5106	State-Society Relations in Greater China
GPGC5107	Environmental Politics of Greater China
GPGC5108	Political Thought in Contemporary China
GPGC5109	Human Rights and Constitutionalism in Greater China
GPGC5110	Selected Topic in Government and Politics of Greater China (I)
GPGC5111	Political Communication in Practice
GPGC5112	Selected Topic in Government and Politics of Greater China (II)
MPUP5422	Environmental Policy Analysis

*\*Elective courses may change from year to year, subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrollment.*

## Potential Applicants



First degree holders who plan to work in the public sector or pursue further studies in fields related to Greater China's government and public administration



Mid-career professionals working in the public / non-governmental / media / legal / educational / financial sectors who would benefit from intensive studies and professional interactions in an academic environment for career development



Advanced professionals who are interested in gaining a more comprehensive understanding of issues related to government and politics in Greater China

As a professional programme offered in Hong Kong, an international city, applicants from Hong Kong, the mainland and overseas are all welcome to apply.

## Application

Method: Online application via the website of the Graduate School of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Please refer to the website of the Graduate School (<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions>) for details.

Open for Applications:  
1 September 2024

Deadline:  
28 February 2025



GPGC Admission

## Tuition fee for 2025 Entry



Eight Courses:  
HKD180,000 (Provisional)



Application Fee:  
HKD\$300

## Scholarships and Awards

Our Programme recognizes students' and graduates' academic achievements and other contributions through three types of scholarships.

Admission Scholarship	Academic Distinction Award	Outstanding Student Service Award
To recognize new students with outstanding academic and/or work background	To recognize students with outstanding academic performance and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 or above	To recognize students with outstanding contributions to the Programme, the University and/or the community

## Diversified Activities



Orientation and Information Day



Visit Legislative Council



GPCG 10th Anniversary Celebration Banquet



Alumni Day Sharing Session



Class Gathering



Academic Seminar

## Distinguished Teaching Team

**Prof. CABESTAN Jean-Pierre** 高敬文

Senior Researcher, the French National Centre for Scientific Research  
BA, MA (Jussieu U); PHD (Sorbonne U); State Doctorate of Law (Pantheon-Sorbonne U)

**Prof. CHEN XI** 陳曦

Research Associate Professor, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK  
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**Prof. CHOW Po Chung** 周保松

Associate Professor, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK  
BA (CUHK); MA (Univ. of York); PhD (LSE, London)

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Senior Lecturer, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK  
BBA (CUHK); MPhil (CUHK)

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Assistant Professor, School of Arts and Social Sciences, HKMU  
BA, MSc (Essex U); PhD (Kent U)

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BBA (S. Old.); MPhil (National. Defense U); PhD (CUHK)

**Dr. LEE Nelson Ka-kiu** 李家翹

Lecturer, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK  
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Associate Professor, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK  
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BA (CUHK); BA (Univ. of California); MA, PhD (Univ. of Chicago)

**Prof. ZHAN Jing Vivian** 詹晶

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Programme Director of MSSc in Government and Politics (Greater China)  
BA (Foreign Affairs College of China); MA, PhD (UCLA)

\* Teaching timetable will be updated annually to reflect the most current programme development

## Student / Alumni Endorsement

### CHEN Jie

Class of 2024; Teacher (Shenzhen)

In the one year studying at GPGC, the joyful times spent attending classes, having afternoon tea, going on outings, and dining with teachers and classmates are unforgettable. I feel fortunate to have studied at CUHK, a beautiful campus built into the hills and rich in heritage. It is a place full of humanistic care, offering a diverse range of courses, impactful and in-depth lectures, various alumni-linked activities organized by academic departments, and teachers who always encourage us to fully express our ideas. All of this has made me firmly believe that choosing CUHK is a decision I will never regret.

### CHEN Xiaotong

Class of 2023; Beacon Management (Hong Kong)

The GPGC program has given me a deep understanding of modern political research in Greater China. I've had the chance to dive into topics like how the government and society interact, citizenship rights, civil society, and democratization. I am truly grateful for the amazing guidance and knowledge from my professors. Now, armed with this newfound wisdom, I feel inspired to put these valuable insights into practice. I want to explore and apply them not only on the global stage but also within the vibrant Greater Bay Area of China.

### LIU, Yiwen

Class of 2023; PwC (Hong Kong)

My overall experience with the GPGC programme at CUHK was excellent. The subjects include institutions and reform, public administration, foreign policy, and regional international relations, as well as democracy and the rule of law. Taught by leading scholars from the Greater China region and overseas, these courses emphasize social science perspectives and research methods, encouraging us to form independent analyses and critical assessments of contemporary Greater China. I highly recommend the GPGC programme to anyone interested in Chinese politics in specific and in pursuing a master's degree in general.

### YIU Lan Hin

Class 2022; Hong Kong Government

Thank you very much to our experienced professors and diverse students. It's a unique journey for me to enlightenment. While working in the government, this programme assists me in adapting to the political landscape and enacting meaningful and effective change that serves the best interests of my community. I sincerely hope that more scholars worldwide, especially in mainland China can join our GPGC family and bring us more inspirational ideas.

### Philip MULDER

Class 2019; Director of Career and College Counseling, Vanke Meisha Bilingual School (Shenzhen)

GPGC refreshed my approach to learning and helped me critically analyze my own perspective while sharpening my thinking by incorporating more complexity into my research to encompass Asian history, mindsets, and public policy institutions and processes. Studying about Greater China's various governmental policies and institutional processes was a linguistic challenge as several courses were in Mandarin Chinese, but in the end, there is no better place to study the region than at CUHK which lies at the heart of Greater China itself.

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