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Going global at City University of Hong Kong

Making an original discovery occupies a central place in the dynamic undergraduate curriculum at City University of Hong Kong (CityU). Under the CityU Discovery-enriched Curriculum (DEC), all CityU students have the chance to make an original contribution to their field of study as an integral part of their professional education.

Exciting choices in the first year

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) at CityU provides an exciting and progressive education in the 4-year programme curriculum. In addition to the major(s), students may also choose to study minor programme(s) offered by the College. CLASS places a strong emphasis on equipping students with analytical and critical thinking, excellent communication skills and international experience.

To enable students to have a better understanding of community issues and to raise their civic awareness, students are encouraged to participate proactively in various service learning programmes/community services activities for contributing to the community.

The College Student Ambassadors programme has been well received since its launch in 2014 by CLASS students. The programme aims to engage enthusiastic and outstanding undergraduate students to assist in College events and promotional activities. They will represent the College and help out in various activities, such as school visits, Student Orientation, Information Day and Discovery Festival. Our Student Ambassadors serve as role models to learners and are eager to share their experience with prospective students and visitors from the community. Through the programme, the Student Ambassadors learn to develop their interpersonal, presentation and leadership skills.

Teaching Excellence

Faculty members in the College try to be innovative in teaching. A number of them

received the Teaching Excellence Awards (TEA) from the University. Among those recipients, two faculty members of CLASS have also won the University Grants Committee (UGC) Teaching Award. They are among the eight recipients of this prestigious award in Hong Kong in the past three years.

The College has a large number of outstanding researchers and teachers who come from Europe, North America, Australia, Asia, including China and Hong Kong, and other parts of the world.

Global Citizenship

Students of CLASS can learn from a global faculty and participate in a wide range of internationalisation activities, including student exchanges, cultural and language immersion, internships and overseas study programmes to explore the world. Many of these programmes are subsidised by the College and/or the University.

This year, two students from the Department of Applied Social Sciences of the College have been selected for the Joint Bachelor's Degree Program between City University of Hong Kong and Columbia University. The Joint Degree Program offers students an international undergraduate learning experience – a program spanning two continents, in cosmopolitan cities that allow students to engage directly with the world around them.

Titian Tam, currently a Year 2 student majoring in Psychology, participated in the College Study Tour to Singapore early this year. Titian was particularly excited for the opportunity to take part in a survey on 'The Happiness Index and Quality of Life in

Hong Kong, Osaka and Singapore' conducted during the study tour, with around 3,000 people interviewed by total 60 CLASS students. The survey aimed to understand the interviewees' attitude towards happiness and their levels of satisfaction about life quality in politics and society, economy, environment, public health, leisure and entertainment, and housing. "After I interviewed people and conducted data analysis, I found that citizens in different cities have different attitudes and opinions in various aspects," said Titian. "I gained many valuable experiences to know people of different cultures from the College study tour."

Janet Tam is a final-year student majoring in Digital Television and Broadcasting. She joined the College Summer School programme and studied at Kyung Hee University in Seoul. "I was amazed by how Koreans perceived the interrelationships between the western and other Asian countries, which is very different from how we think as Hongkongers. The learning experience in Seoul expanded my global views and I have become a more critical person in terms of studying, thinking and judging."

Currently, about 60% of our UGC-funded bachelor's degree graduates have received an international experience throughout their course of study in the College.

From the College to the world

The College offers a broad range of professionally oriented programmes. Students in the College have a range of choices for their careers when they graduate. Many of the

students go into education, the civil service, social welfare, communications, public relations, or business. A number of students also go on to pursue master's degrees and PhDs abroad.

Gabriel Wong graduated from CityU with first-class honours in 2012. His outstanding academic performance successfully attracted Griffith University to award him a respectable amount of scholarship for his PhD study in Australia. Gabriel thinks that his time in the College gave him a good foundation for overseas study. "The College provided me with well-rounded training, specialised knowledge and practical skills, which are very useful for a career in crime and delinquency research," he says. "I also benefited a lot from the overseas exchange programme offered by the College during my undergraduate studies". Currently, Gabriel is also employed by Australian National University (ANU) as a research officer. Working at ANU offers him a chance to collaborate and publish with world's leading researchers and criminologists. These experiences greatly foster his career development in academia.

CityU cares a lot about its students and wants them to do well – both at university and in their future careers. The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences offers an international experience to its students through its teaching and the opportunities to study overseas. We want our students to achieve their best, and we believe that one way to do this is to give them a global vision and a global edge.



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