

Minor in Government and Politics (from the 2023-24 academic year onwards)

Government and Politics is centrally concerned with the study of the nature of modern state and government, distribution of power, governance system and global politics. Students who declare a Minor in Government and Politics can select a variety of courses offered by the Department of Government and International Affairs, including those on public administration, politics of Hong Kong and China, international politics, international political economy, comparative politics, political behavior, and political theory, etc. These courses will give students an in-depth understanding of the operation of the modern state and government, relationship between state and society and the stratification of power in an era of regionalisation and globalisation.

The Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences coordinates the offering of the Minor in Government and Politics.

Students whose Major is in any programmes other than that of BSocSc (Hons) in Government and International Affairs/ Political Science may qualify for a Minor in Government and Politics after successful completion of 15 credits (five courses) as detailed below:

Required Course (3 credits)

GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science* (coded as POL2101 in 2021-22 or before)

Elective Courses (12 credits) (Choose 4 in all)

- GOV3101 Empirical Political Analysis: Approaches and Methods (coded as POL3101 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3103 Gender and Politics (coded as POL3103 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3104 Media, Data and Politics (coded as POL3104 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3105 Political Economy of Development (coded as POL3105 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3106 Small States in World Politics (coded as POL3106 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3107 Contemporary Asia Pacific (coded as POL3107 from 2020-21 to 2021-22)
- GOV3201 Government and Politics of Contemporary China (coded as POL3201 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3203 International Politics (coded as POL3203 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3205 Global Governance (coded as POL3205 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3208 Public Policy: Values and Processes (coded as POL3208 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3210 Comparative Politics (coded as POL3210 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3214 Government and Politics of Hong Kong (coded as POL3214 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3215 Taiwan: Politics and Society (coded as POL3215 from 2020-21 to 2021-22)
- GOV3216 American Foreign Policy (coded as POL3216 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3217 Modern Political Ideologies (coded as POL3217 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3218 War and Peace (coded as POL3218 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV3219 Introduction to Computational Political Science (from 2024-25)
- GOV4001 Seminar in International Political Economy (coded as POL4001 in 2021-22 or before)
- GOV4003 Comparative Judicial Politics (coded as POL4003 in 2021-22 or before)

GOV4004	Elections, Party Competition and Electioneering (coded as POL4004 in 2021-22 or before)
GOV4005	Religion and Political Conflicts (coded as POL4005 in 2021-22 or before)
GOV4006	Regional Cooperation and Integration (coded as POL4006 from 2020-21 to 2021-22)
GOV4007	Politics and Foreign Relations of Japan (titled as Politics and Government of Japan in Term 1, 2022-23 or before, coded as POL4007 from 2020-21 to 2021-22)
GOV4303	Global Environmental Politics (coded as POL4303 in 2021-22 or before)
GOV4305	Chinese Foreign Policy (coded as POL4305 in 2021-22 or before, and titled as China in World Politics in 2019-20 or before)
GOV4308	Selected Issues in Asian Pacific Governance (coded as POL4308 in 2021-22 or before)
GOV4309	Current Issues in International Politics (coded as POL4309 in 2021-22 or before)
GOV4319	International Politics of Northeast Asia (coded as POL4319 in 2021-22 or before)
GOV4320	International Politics of Southeast Asia (coded as POL4320 in 2021-22 or before)
SSC3213	Political Psychology and Behaviour
SSC4301	Policy-making, Collective Action and Public Choice

Notes: For students who have passed CUS3213 Culture, Power and Government in the 2017-18 academic year or before, they are not allowed to take GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science (coded as POL2101 in 2021-22 or before) if they wish to enroll in this Minor. They are required to take GOV3203 International Politics (coded as POL3203 in 2021-22 or before) or GOV3210 Comparative Politics (coded as POL3210 in 2021-22 or before) or GOV3217 Modern Political Ideologies (coded as POL3217 in 2021-22 or before) as a substitute.

* Students who have taken GOV2101 Introduction to Political Science (coded as POL2101 in 2021-22 or before) as part of their programme requirement (e.g. BSocSc Majors) are required to take GOV3203 International Politics (coded as POL3203 in 2021-22 or before) or GOV3210 Comparative Politics (coded as POL3210 in 2021-22 or before) or GOV3217 Modern Political Ideologies (coded as POL3217 in 2021-22 or before) as a substitute.