

HKUST-WASEDA DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM



The School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and School of Political Science and Economics (SPSE), Waseda University are in support of the Double Degree Program whereby participants from the two universities can obtain a degree from each university.

HKUST Introduction

HKUST consistently gained stellar international rankings, its commitment to academic excellence and global recognition shines through. The university encourages its members to embrace latest generative AI tools to enhance productivity, support knowledge advancement, and foster innovation in learning environment.

The “Master of Science in Global China Studies” program (MSc GCS) provides global and local perspectives on China’s past and present, taught by the best China Studies faculty in Asia.

Join us at HKUST, where academic excellence meets innovation, and prepare to become a leader in the study of Asia and the World!





Training and Development

The MSc GCS program supports students' various development and helps them to prepare for career and further study opportunities.

From trades to teaching, students can engage with school career coach in diverse one-on-one or small group career coaching, internship opportunities and industry visits.

Program students may opt for MSc GCS research project experience to work with school faculty in need of research assistance. Few eligible students may further apply for the school postgraduate exchange program in their extended term of study.

Post-study and Career Choice

The MSc GCS graduates achieve career success to a wide range of corporate sector: at major banks, technology, management consultancies, commerce, media and other industries.

Students have also gone on to public sector work including Hong Kong and Mainland China civil servants. A number of students choose to continue further study in MPhil and PhD program at renowned local or overseas universities.

Based on the latest alumni survey, program alumni have diverse work or study development across Mainland China (over 50%), Hong Kong (37%), US & Canada (4%), Europe (2%), South East Asia (2%) and Middle East (1%).





3+1 Study Pathway

SPSE will nominate qualified students for the MSc GCS program, including outstanding junior year students who are expected to complete the undergraduate graduation requirements for their Waseda degree within 3 – 3.5 years of first registration at Waseda, or senior year students who plan to further study. Undergraduate students registered full-time at SPSE may apply for MSc GCS Program at the beginning of their third year.

Students accepted by HKUST will be able to obtain a master degree by spending 1 year in the MSc GCS Program. Upon completion of the program requirement, students should present a copy of their bachelor's degree certificate before being conferred an MSc degree by HKUST.

Learning Outcomes

- Graduates can critically analyze significant social and cultural phenomena related to China and regarding China's relations with the world;
- Interpret events and developments in China's past and present from both global and local perspectives;
- Effectively and appropriately communicate in written papers and reports in English to both non-expert and expert readers;
- Persuasively and appropriately communicate when presenting and discussing with both non-expert and expert audiences and discussants; and
- Carry out advanced research both independently and as part of a research team.

Admission Requirement



SPSE students applying to the MSc GCS program should normally possess a grade average of 3.0 and above out of 4.0 or equivalent obtained in all completed academic year.

Special considerations could be given to candidates with official documents ascertaining the medium of instruction for their academic program is English. Otherwise, these students should have a strong academic background and a good command of English (minimum TOEFL iBT 100/ PBT 600, IELTS no lower than 7.0 with all sub-scores 5.5 or above).

Program Structure

After being successfully selected by the two universities to participate in the Program per year, SPSE students will need to complete 24 credits of course-work in total in order to receive the MSc degree in Global China Studies from HKUST.

In addition, SPSE students enrolled in MSc GCS program are welcome to apply for the Academic Research Concentration in the second year, to take additional 18 credits on self-financed basis to prepare for PhD study application.



Scholarship and Financial Considerations

- SPSE students enrolled in the Double Degree program to pursue MSc GCS can receive guaranteed scholarship to cover one-year tuition fee HK\$160,000 in the program.
- SHSS will provide off-campus housing subsidy HK\$85,000 for SPSE students, and where appropriate, work together with HKUST Off-campus Housing to assist SPSE students in finding suitable accommodation. Most students choose to live near Tai Po Tsai small village (10 mins walking distance from HKUST), or LOHAS Park, Tseung Kwan O, Hang Hau (15 mins ride from HKUST).
- All expenses incurred for travel, food, personal items, books, medical expenses, and insurance shall be borne by the SPSE students. Participants in the Program will be personally responsible for purchasing the mandatory medical insurance during the entire study period at HKUST.

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