

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 join industry visits and career workshops. 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 Chinese Mainland 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 Chinese Mainland (over 50%), Hong Kong (36%), US & Canada (4%), Europe (3%), 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 academic graduation requirements for their Waseda degree within 3 – 3.5 years of first registration at Waseda. 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.

Student Testimonials



"MGCS does not simply discuss long and tedious theories, but comprehensively looks at China's practical problems from an international perspective, which helps us improve our depth of thinking and our ability to look at problems from multiple angles. At the same time, even if my research direction is Finance, MGCS has greatly improved my research ability, allowing me to learn to analyze from both micro and macro perspectives."

Bo Wang,
MGCS Admission Scholarship Awardee, Year 25-26



"The most valuable aspect of the MGCS program is its interdisciplinary academic environment and the accessibility of world-class faculty. The opportunity to receive guidance from professors on research projects and to engage with diverse perspectives on Global China has significantly broadened my academic horizon. The program provides a solid foundation for students aiming for advanced research degrees."

Chengxi Liu,
MGCS Admission Scholarship Awardee, Year 25-26



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.

Students should have a strong academic background and a good command of English (minimum TOEFL iBT 5 / 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 admitted in the Double Degree program to pursue MSc GCS can receive guaranteed scholarship to cover one-year tuition fee HK\$170,000 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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