

There are many different career paths that China Studies alumni pursue after completing their undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

The China Studies programme staff support students in exploring diverse interests during their degree-seeking years and acquiring skills that will equip them for productive professional lives, service to their communities, leadership in all forms, and lifelong progress towards long-term goals.



Reflections on China Studies

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The China Studies programme welcomes everyone who is interested in Chinese cultural values, social changes and the process of modernization of China. This program is attractive to students from different cultural backgrounds and countries. It was a great learning experience for me to see how international students viewed the same issues from various perspectives and came up with different interpretations.

Besides, I appreciated the small class teaching and interactive learning methods adopted by our programme. Teaching staff are always here to respond to the need of the students and offer timely advising and guiding, leading students to take on their own journeys to success. In my final year project, I carried out some fascinating research into the practice of rural land circulation in China and its impacts on the livelihoods of the peasants. Under the guidance of Dr. Ji LI, I designed my own topic that perfectly integrated with my knowledge of my second major - geography studies. With the support of the academic departments, I successfully conducted a field trip to Guizhou to collect qualitative and quantitative data by interviewing the farmers, local government officers, and the representatives from the private agricultural enterprises. The research outcomes were satisfying. After thorough analysis of land policy and primary data that I collected in the field trip, I offered practical suggestions for facilitating sustainable land development while maintaining the income levels of the low-skilled farmers. The interviewing skills and data collection methods that I learnt from the project would be helpful for me to pursue a master's degree.

Since I graduated, I have decided that I would like to work in the field of urban planning and design. It is my hope to one day become an environmental planner, making Hong Kong and international cities more sustainable, liveable and equitable. At first glance, China Studies might not be related to my future career path but my expertise in Chinese culture and history would be helpful for me analyse the regional planning practice and planning culture of China. My undergraduate education at HKU allowed me to gain comprehensive understandings on the practice of urban planning and regulations with a focus on Hong Kong and Greater China. To take a step further, I aim to examine the variations of planning systems and policies adopted by international cities and understand their own advantages and costs. By pursuing the master's programme, I hope to learn about the ways with which these established approaches are transformed and implemented with innovative thoughts that are applicable to other cities.