

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The Leadership Development Programme, administered by the Leadership Development Section of the Office of University General Education, aims to nurture the leadership potential of participants and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

To nurture future leaders with the necessary ability, knowledge, vision and integrity, this two-year comprehensive programme encompasses 24 units and comprises four modules, each designed to cultivate an indispensable facet of leadership.

LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL MODULE

The principal objective of this module is to introduce students to the fundamental concepts of leadership and the critical skills expected of a good leader. Students are trained in a variety of leadership skills, including communication and negotiation techniques, team-building and people skills, and stress and time management. This module also offers an experiential learning activity during the first summer break, a two-week overseas study programme during the second summer break and a one-week study programme in mainland China during the winter break.

CIVIC EDUCATION MODULE

This module introduces students to Hong Kong's major political institutions and political processes and, through a workshop scenario, guides them in applying social science research to a particular policy problem. Students learn to master the given facts, understand the concerns that underlie disputes, consider the issue in a larger context, and learn the value of compromise and the art of persuasion in arriving at a consensus.

ETHICAL AND AESTHETIC EDUCATION MODULE

Leaders are expected to possess an acute awareness of the contemporary world and to stand firm on their moral beliefs. Adopting an interdisciplinary approach, this module offers a broad introduction to theories and problems related to ethics and politics, and examines the phenomena of globalisation and multiculturalism. A series of art appreciation courses exposes students to various forms of visual and performing arts and provides opportunities for them to engage in dialogue with artists.

PERSONAL AND TEAM DEVELOPMENT

This module carries no units, but provides valuable opportunities for students to apply the various skills and knowledge they have acquired during the programme. Activities include high table dinners, talks and a mentorship programme.

Courses are scheduled on weekday evenings, Friday afternoons or Saturdays to avoid time clashes with major courses. Non-local study programmes and field studies are held in the summer and winter breaks.

The programme admits approximately 30 students each year. A limited number of international students are also admitted to selected courses to provide cultural diversity and an international perspective. First-year undergraduate students who have a desire to develop their leadership potential are welcome to apply for this rigorous programme.