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AGENDA

• Program overview
• Study mode
• Is this for you?
• Application
• Career path
• Q & A
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Programmes

- Undergraduate Programmes
- Master of Social Sciences in the field of Psychology
- Master of Social Sciences in the field of Clinical Psychology
- Master of Social Sciences in the field of Educational Psychology
- Doctor of Psychology in the field of Clinical Psychology
- Doctor of Psychology in the field of Educational Psychology
- Research Degrees – MPhil & PhD
- Research Degree – PhD with a specialization in Clinical Psychology
- Research Degree – PhD with a specialization in Educational Psychology
- Useful Information to Current Students
PROGRAM OVERVIEW – BRIEF HISTORY

• Building on success
  • Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology (PCPsy, est. 1978)
    • For academically excellent students who are deeply interested in psychology

• Master of Social Sciences in Psychology (MSocSc (Psy))
  • Inception: 2015 (in replacement of the previous PCPsy program)
  • With enhanced teaching and learning experience
PROGRAM OVERVIEW - OBJECTIVES

• Who is this program designed for?
  • For non-psychology students with a Bachelor’s degree
  • Also, for students with a background of psychology who are interested in gaining more knowledge or research competence

• Objectives:
  • To acquire a solid foundation in psychology
  • To gain research competence
  • To prepare for career development in psychology and related fields
    • This includes to bring students to a level where they should be eligible to apply for HKPS, as well as should be eligible to apply for MSocSc in Clinical Psychology and in Educational Psychology amongst other postgraduate degree programs
PROGRAM OVERVIEW – KEY FEATURES

• An emphasis on research training
  • Two research methodology courses
  • An empirical research dissertation or a capstone research project

• Covers main subfields in psychology
  • Courses cover major subfields
  • From basic science to applied science

Compulsory Courses
- PSYC7301. Introduction to research methods in psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7302. Research and quantitative methods in psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7303. Biological psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7304. Cognitive psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7305. Developmental psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7306. Personality psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7307. Social psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7309. Abnormal Psychology (6 credits)

Capstone Experience Courses
- PSYC7308. Dissertation in psychology (12 credits)
- PSYC7317. Capstone project in psychology (6 credits)
• Dissertation option*:  
  • 8 Core courses + 1 empirical research dissertation  

• Non-dissertation option:  
  • 8 courses + 1 capstone project + 1 elective course  

• You can find course outline from our website.

Note: An empirical research study is often but not necessarily required for being eligible to apply for further study programs. Thus, if one plans to pursue further studies but has not fulfilled this requirement from one’s previous academic programs, one should check the relevant program requirements carefully and the dissertation-option may be considered.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW – PROGRAM STRUCTURE

• For each of the 8 core courses:
  • 6 credits
  • One semester (~12 weeks)
  • 3 hours per week per course (afternoons)

• For the dissertation:
  • 12 credits
  • From November to the end of June (~8 months)

• For the capstone project:
  • 6 credits
  • Enrolled in the second semester
Two semesters in each academic year:

- Semester 1: September to December
- Semester 2: January to May
STUDY MODE – OVERVIEW

- **Dissertation Option**
  - Full time
  - Part time

- **Non-Dissertation Option**
  - Full time
  - Part time
STUDY MODE – FULL-TIME VS. PART-TIME

• Dissertation option – full-time mode
  • Complete within ONE academic year
    • Semester 1: 4 courses (spend 4 afternoons each week)
    • Semester 2: 4 courses (spend 4 afternoons each week)
    • Dissertation throughout the year (November to June) – deadline for dissertation submission is June the 30th

• Tuition fee: HK$148,000 (subject to University’s approval)
STUDY MODE – FULL-TIME VS. PART-TIME

- Dissertation option – part-time mode
  - Complete within TWO academic years
    - Year 1: 5 courses (2 – 3 courses in each semester)
    - Year 2: 3 courses
    - Dissertation throughout the 2\textsuperscript{nd} year (November to June) – deadline for dissertation submission is June the 30\textsuperscript{th} of year 2
  - Tuition fee: HK$82,800 per academic year (subject to University’s approval)
STUDY MODE – FULL-TIME VS. PART-TIME

• Non-dissertation option – full-time mode
  • Complete within ONE academic year
    • Semester 1: 5 courses (spend 5 afternoons each week)
    • Semester 2: 4 courses (spend 4 afternoons each week)
    • Capstone project in the 2nd semester
  
• Tuition fee: HK$148,000 (subject to University’s approval)
STUDY MODE – FULL-TIME VS. PART-TIME

- Non-dissertation option – part-time mode
  - Complete within TWO academic years
    - Year 1: 5 courses (2 - 3 courses in each semester)
    - Year 2: 4 courses
    - Capstone project in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} year

- Tuition fee: HK$82,800 per academic year (subject to University’s approval)
IS THIS FOR YOU?

• Upon a successful completion of the compulsory courses*, should be eligible to apply for:
  • MSocSc in Clinical Psychology
  • MSocSc in Educational Psychology
  • MPhil in Psychology
  • 4-year PhD in Psychology
  • Graduate membership of HKPS

Note: One should check carefully the requirements of the programs of interest and the final eligibility for applying for these programs relies upon the fulfillment of their specific requirements.
IS THIS FOR YOU?

• Be prepared to STUDY HARD!!
• Instead of passively receiving knowledge, be prepared to actively seek for knowledge and solutions!
• Be ready for completing a solid research project!
APPLICATION

• Please read carefully the information on the website

• Applications must be made ONLINE only. The deadline is 5 January 2022 (12:00 noon)

• Upload your supporting documents

Applicants are required to upload the supporting documents to the e-form [link] by 23:59, January 7, 2022:

• Complete official transcript of undergraduate studies (including studies undertaken in HKU) Graduate certificate of undergraduate studies [Mainland China applicants should also provide "學士学位證書"]
• Complete official transcript of postgraduate studies, if any
• Graduate certificate of postgraduate studies, if any
• TOEFL / IELTS / Overseas GCE / IGCSE / Cambridge Test of Proficiency in English Language official score report. [only required from those applicants with qualifications from institutions outside Hong Kong where the language of teaching or examination is not English]
APPLICATION

• You will receive an email acknowledgement

• You will need the application number when you upload your supporting documents (next slide)
APPLICATION

- E-form for uploading supporting documents
APPLICATION

  
  • A bachelor’s degree NOT majoring in psychology
  • With No prior completion of similar conversion program in psychology
  
  • Bachelor’s degree of HKU or equivalent
  • Preferably have more than one year work experience
  • English language requirement as detailed on the website

2) The University’s English language requirements are as follows:

Applicants with qualifications from a university or comparable institution OUTSIDE Hong Kong where the language of teaching or examination is NOT English are required to obtain:

(a) a score of 550 or above (paper-based test) or 80 or above (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); or

(b) a minimum overall band of 6 with no subtest lower than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or

(c) grade C or above in either the Overseas General Certificate of Education, the International General Certificate of Secondary Education, or the Cambridge Test of Proficiency in English Language.

TOEFL applicants should request the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send an official score report to the University (TOEFL code 9671) direct. The scores are valid for 2 years.
APPLICATION

After the submission of documents

• End of January 2022: notify shortlisted candidates for a qualifying exam

• Late February 2022: qualifying exam
  • Format: ~ 45 min, MCQs on basic concepts of psychology
  • FYI: an online psychology textbook [https://saylordotorg.github.io/text_introduction-to-psychology/](https://saylordotorg.github.io/text_introduction-to-psychology/)

• Late March 2022: online individual interview

• Early April 2022: Informal notification to successful candidates

• September 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2022(Thursday): First day of teaching
CAREER PATH

• Further studies

• Psychology-related jobs

• Return to your previous profession
Q & A

Got questions?

• For frequently asked questions: https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/

• Application procedure and admission-related enquiries:

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