

MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN PSYCHOLOGY

INFORMATION SEMINAR

Department Of Psychology
The University Of Hong Kong
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AGENDA

- Program overview
- Study mode
- Is this for you?
- Application
- Career path
- Q & A

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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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 – BRIEF HISTORY

- 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 graduate membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society (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 - OBJECTIVES

- Graduate membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS)
 - For career development in psychology:

One of the entrance requirements for the HKU MSocSc(Clinical Psychology) and MSocSc(Educational Psychology) programmes

- Requirements: a postgraduate qualification in psychology covering at least Research Methods in Psychology and 4 out of the 6 following fundamental areas:
 - (i) Biological / Physiological Psychology,
 - (ii) Developmental /Child Psychology,
 - (iii)Cognitive Psychology /Perception /Learning /Memory,
 - (iv)Personality /Individual Differences,
 - (v) Social Psychology, and
 - (vi)History of Psychology/Contemporary Issues in Psychology.

Note: please refer to the latest update and full requirements in the HKPS website:
https://www.hkps.org.hk/en/membership/membership_guide/

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)
- PSYC7319. Introduction to psychopathology (6 credits)

Capstone Experience Courses

- PSYC7308. Dissertation in psychology (12 credits)
- PSYC7317. Capstone project in psychology (6 credits)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW – PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 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.

Compulsory Courses

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- PSYC7304. Cognitive psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7305. Developmental psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7306. Personality psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7307. Social psychology (6 credits)
- PSYC7319. Introduction to psychopathology (6 credits)

Capstone Experience Courses

- PSYC7308. Dissertation in psychology (12 credits)
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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.

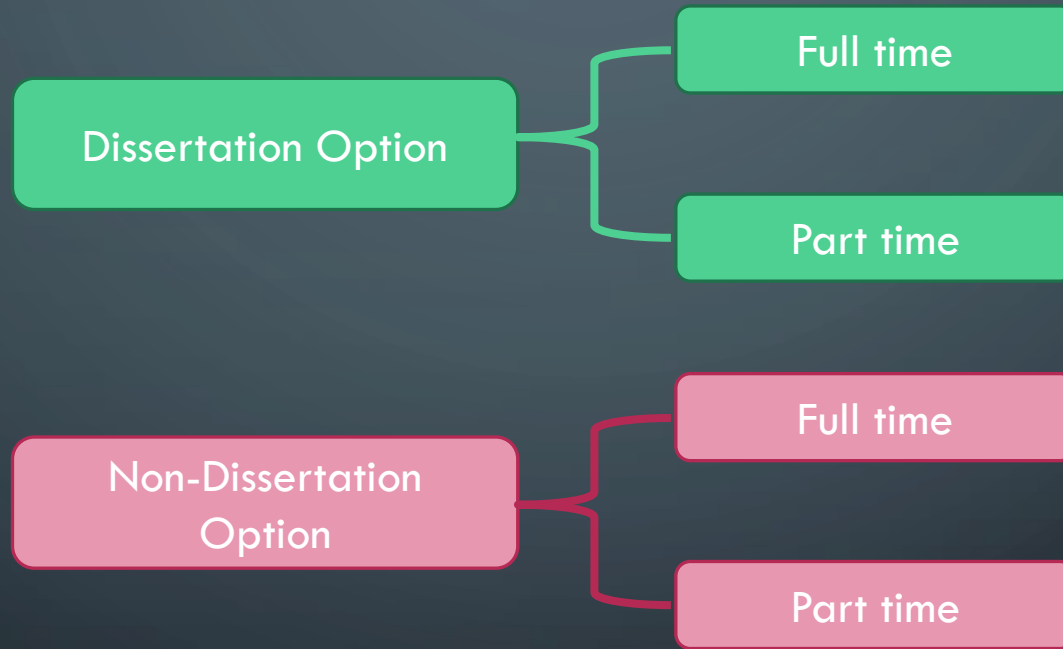
PROGRAM OVERVIEW – PROGRAM STRUCTURE

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW – DATES OF SEMESTERS

- Two semesters in each academic year:
 - Semester 1: September to December
 - Semester 2: January to May

STUDY MODE – OVERVIEW



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

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 2nd year (November to June) – deadline for dissertation submission is June the 30th of year 2

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

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 2nd semester of the 2nd year
- Tuition Fees (2023-24)
 - Full-time: HK\$156,900
 - Part-time: HK\$87,800 per academic year
 - **The tuition fees for 2024-25 will be subject to change**

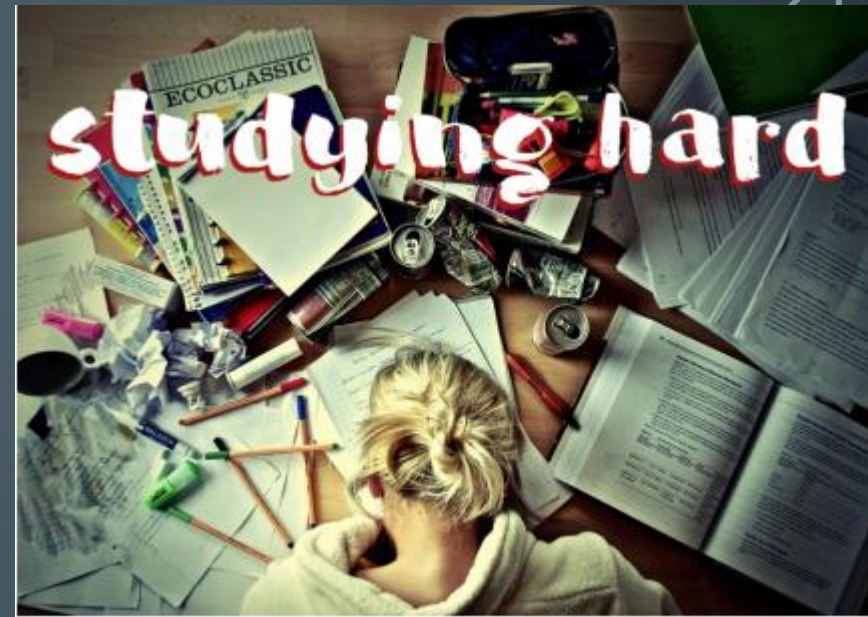
IS THIS FOR YOU?

- Upon 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!



6 Steps to Completing Your Dissertation



DRUDGERY



PROCRASTINATION



PANIC



DESPAIR



DRUDGERY



PRINTING



OUR STUDY JOURNEY

Unlock your potential, embrace knowledge



APPLICATION

- Please read carefully the information on the website

<https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/>

- The deadline is **1 December 2023 (HKT 12:00 noon)**
- Applications must be made **ONLINE** only.
- Upload your supporting documents



- Complete official transcript of undergraduate studies (including studies undertaken in HKU);
- Graduate certificate of undergraduate studies [Mainland China applicants should also provide “學士學位證書”];
- 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.]; and
- Personal Statement (about 500 – 600 words) on the reasons for wishing to take this programme, including the plans for the future in which the study will play a part.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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- The deadline is

1 December 2023 (Friday)

(HKT 12:00 noon)

December 2023

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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25: Christmas Day

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APPLICATION

- You will receive an email acknowledgement upon submission of online application
- You will need the application number when you upload your supporting documents (next slide)

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Dear Max Mara,
Thank you for your application. You can upload your supporting documents via the application via the URL below. Please log into our system using your application no. and the password will be your date of birth in YYYYMM format by default.

Application No: 1104717499
Curriculum: Master of Social Work
URL: <https://tpg-addon-uat.its.hku.hk/applicant>
Uploading period to be expired on: 2022-12-18 10:32:51

Applicant Login 2


Application No

Password


[FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD](#)

APPLICATION



- You will receive an email notification from the application system within 48 hours to upload the supporting document.

 **Faculty of Social Sciences**
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Master of Social Sciences in Media, Culture & Creative Cities (MSocSc (Media,Cult&CreatiCiti))
Application No: 2609715955


Upload Supporting Documents
 PDF only

Transcripts


Offical Transcript_1.pdf(29.6 KB) 
Offical Transcript_2.pdf(29.6 KB) 

Maximum 5 bachelor degree/ master degree/ PhD degree etc 2 / 5

Graduation Certificate


Certificate_1.pdf(31.2 KB) 

Bachelor Certificate (for mainland China applicant only)

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For applicants who graduated from Universities in Mainland China 0 / 5

International English Standard

 Click or Drag and drop to upload file


Graduated from university which are not using English as medium of instruction

Personal Statement


PS Statement_1.pdf(29.6 KB) 

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CV


CV_2.pdf(29.6 KB) 

Name changing proof optional

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Other certificates

Certificate_2.pdf(29.6 KB) 

APPLICATION

- Entry requirements <https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/>

- 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

- Late December 2023: notify shortlisted candidates for a qualifying exam
- Early January 2024: qualifying exam
 - Format: ~ 25 min, MCQs on basic concepts of psychology
 - FYI: an online psychology textbook https://saylordotorg.github.io/text_introduction-to-psychology/
- Late January 2024: individual interview
- Early February 2024: Informal notification to successful candidates
- September 2nd, 2024 (Monday): 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/>
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