

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Social Sciences in the field of Psychology

Entry Requirements

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2026 to the programme leading to the degree of Master of Social Sciences in the field of Psychology. To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University admission requirements and the programme specific requirements as listed below:
 - (a) shall comply with the [General Regulations](#) and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
 - (b) shall hold a Bachelor's degree of this University; or another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
 - (c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the following University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under [General Regulation G2\(b\)](#);
 - (d) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination and interview if shortlisted; and
 - (e) shall preferably have more than one year of work experience.

An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Regulations and Syllabuses

2. The Regulations and Syllabuses can be viewed at <https://www4.hku.hk/pubunit/drcd/>.
3. The curriculum shall extend over one academic year of full-time study or two academic years of part-time study, with a maximum period of registration of two academic years of full-time study or three academic years of part-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration specified in the above regulations, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

Application

4. Applications for this taught postgraduate programme and payment of application fee (HK\$600 per application) should be made through the HKU online application system at <https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions>.
5. The closing dates for application are **12:00 noon (GMT +8), 1 December 2025 (Main Round) and 2 February 2026 (Round 2).**

6. Each applicant is required to provide contact information of two referees (academic & professional) during the online application. Only referees with the provision of official university/company email/correspondence addresses are accepted. The University may approach referees and their affiliated university/company for verification. Upon the submission of online application, the referees will then receive an email invitation to complete an online referee survey.
7. Please first read the [FAQ](#) of the TPg admission website for further details. For additional enquiries, please send an email to mpsync@hku.hk and quote your full name in English and application number in the email.
8. Please visit the programme website at <https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/> for more information.
9. Applicants fail to receive information from the Department of Psychology (mpsync@hku.hk) by 31 July 2026 can consider their application as unsuccessful.

September 2025