

Master of Social Sciences in Psychology

Information Seminar

Department of Psychology
The University of Hong Kong

Before we start ...

- Prof. Tatia Lee
 - Head of Department
- Dr. Sing-Hang Cheung
 - Director
 - singhang@hku.hk
- Dr. Henry Ng
- Ms. Janice Wang
- Ms. Katy Cheung

Today ...

- Overview
- Program structure
- Study mode: full-time vs. part-time
- Is this for you?
- Application
- Career path
- Q&A

Overview

MSocSc (Psy) – an improved program

- Building on success
 - Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology (est. 1978)
 - Academically excellent students
 - Deeply interested in psychology
 - Benefited significantly from our PCPsy program
- Master of Social Sciences in Psychology
 - First intake: September 2015
 - This is our fifth admission exercise
 - Enhanced teaching and learning

Overview

MSocSc (Psy) – objectives

- For NON-PSYCHOLOGY Bachelor's degree holders
 - To acquire a solid foundation in psychology
 - To gain research competence
 - To prepare for career development in psychology and related fields

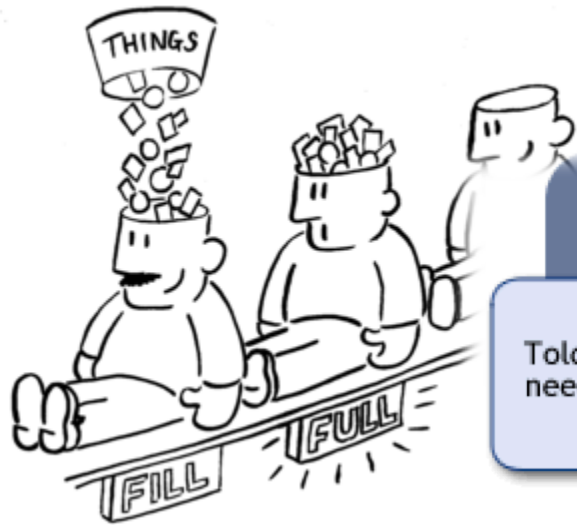
Overview

MSocSc (Psy) – key features

- Emphasis on research training
 - Two research methodology courses
 - Empirical research dissertation
- Problem-based learning (PBL)
 - Use psychological science to solve real-world problems

Overview

PBL – NOT memorization, BUT understanding



Traditional Learning

Told what we need to know

Memorize it

Problem assigned to illustrate how to use it

Problem Based Learning (PBL)

Problem assigned

Identify what we need to know

Learn and apply it to solve the problem



Overview

Example: social psychology and daily lives

How can social psychology help us think about real-world problems?

Program structure

Overview

- 8 core courses + an empirical research dissertation
 1. Introduction to research methods in psychology
 2. Research and quantitative methods in psychology
 3. Biological psychology
 4. Cognitive psychology
 5. Developmental psychology
 6. Personality psychology
 7. Social psychology
 8. Abnormal psychology

Program structure

Core courses

- For EACH course:
 - 6 credits
 - One semester (~ 12 weeks)
 - Classes offered in weekday afternoons (mostly from 3:30pm)
 - 2-4 hours per week
 - Mostly problem-based learning (PBL)

Program structure

Dissertation

- 12 credits
- From Sept to end of June (~10 months)

Program structure

Dates of semesters

- Two semesters in each academic year:
 - Semester 1: Sept – Dec (~12 weeks)
 - Semester 2: Jan – May (~12 weeks)

Study mode: full-time vs. part-time

Full-time study

- Full-time mode
 - Complete within ONE year
 - Semester 1: 4 courses (i.e., 4 afternoons per week)
 - Semester 2: 4 courses (i.e., 4 afternoons per week)
 - Dissertation throughout the year
 - Submission deadline: June 30
 - Tuition fee: HK\$135,000

Study mode: full-time vs. part-time

Part-time study

- Part-time mode
 - Complete within TWO year
 - Year 1: 5 courses (i.e., 2 to 3 in each semester)
 - Year 2: 3 courses
 - Dissertation throughout Year 2
 - Submission deadline: June 30
 - Tuition fee: HK\$70,000 per year

Is this for you?

- To become eligible to apply for:
 - MSocSc in Clinical Psychology
 - MSocSc in Educational Psychology
 - MPhil in Psychology
 - 4-year PhD in Psychology
 - Graduate membership of Hong Kong Psychological Society

Is this for you?



Is this for you?



Is this for you?



6 Steps to Completing Your Dissertation



DRUDGERY



PROCRASTINATION



PANIC



DESPAIR



DRUDGERY



PRINTING

Application

- Online application only

<http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme/master-social-sciences-field-psychology>

- Entry requirements

- A Bachelor's degree NOT majoring in psychology
- With NO prior completion of similar conversion program in psychology
- Preferably more than one year of work experience
- English language requirement as detailed here:

http://www.psychology.hku.hk/?page_id=1686

Application

Important dates

- January 4, 2019 (Friday, 12:00 noon): Closing date for online application
- Mid February, 2019: Notify shortlisted candidates for interview and qualifying exam
- March 9, 2019 (Saturday): Interview and qualifying exam
 - Format of qualifying exam: ~45 min, MCQs on basic concepts of psychology

Application

Important dates

- Late March, 2019: Informal notification to successful candidates
- September 2, 2019 (Monday): First day of teaching

Career path



What do our graduates do?

- Further studies
- Psychology-related jobs
 - E.g., research assistants, assistants to psychologists, etc.
- Back to original professions

Sharing from our graduates

- Sharing from:
 - Mr. Patrick Tsui
 - Ms. Emerald Shek
 - Ms. Stephanie Jor





- Enquiries
 - <http://www.psychology.hku.hk>
 - mpsych@hku.hk
 - Dr. Sing-Hang Cheung (Email: singhang@hku.hk)