

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Social Sciences in the field of Psychology

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2020 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 (in a discipline other than psychology and without completion of any other programme in psychology which is designed to bring the degree holder up to the standard of a graduate majoring in psychology) of this University or another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another comparable institution accepted for this purpose (in a discipline other than psychology and without completion of any other programme in psychology which is designed to bring the degree holder up to the standard of a graduate majoring in psychology);
 - (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.

* For General Regulation G2(b), please refer to <http://tl.hku.hk/quality-manual/appendices/>.

2. 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.
3. Applications for this taught postgraduate programme and payment of application fee (HK\$300 per application) should be made through the HKU on-line application system at <http://www.hku.hk/tpg/>.
4. The closing date of application is **12:00 noon, January 10, 2020**.
5. The Regulations and Syllabuses can be viewed at <http://www.hku.hk/tpg/>. Further information is available on https://www.psychology.hku.hk/?page_id=1686.

6. Applicants should write a **personal statement** (about 500 – 600 words) on their reasons for wishing to take this programme, including their plans for the future in which the study will play a part. The “Personal Statement” is placed under the category of “Further Information” of the on-line application form.
7. Besides the personal statement, applicants are required to upload the supporting documents in the following sequence during the online application:
 - 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; and
 - 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.]

[Transcripts, diplomas, certificates and other submitted documents which are not in English should be accompanied by a certified translation in English. Certified translation may be provided by your home institution.]

8. Each applicant is required to request two referees to write a confidential report. The referees should send the report directly to the Department of Psychology by either of the following methods:
 - i) email (preferable) to mpsync@hku.hk (please sign and scan the report in PDF file), or
 - ii) mail (in a sealed envelope) to the Programme Director, Master of Social Sciences (Psychology), Department of Psychology, 6/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.
9. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to take a qualifying examination and may need to attend an interview to be held in March 2020. Details are available under “Admission” on http://www.psychology.hku.hk/?page_id=1686. On the day of qualifying examination, shortlisted applicants are required to submit original or certified true copies of the supporting documents, i.e. copies of the documents that have been duly declared as true copies before a notary public (e.g. a Commissioner for Oaths at a District Office in Hong Kong). Please note that all original copies will NOT be returned. Photocopies and scanned copies are NOT accepted.
10. Successful candidates will be notified of the application results by the end of June 2020. Applicants not shortlisted for the examination and/or interview can consider themselves unsuccessful.
11. Applicants may contact the Department of Psychology at (852) 3917 2375 / (852) 3917 7122 or mpsync@hku.hk if they do not receive their application results by July 31, 2020.

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