

Master of Social Sciences in the field of Psychology

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2024 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.

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 online application system at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/>.
4. The closing date of application is **12:00 noon, 1 December 2023**.
5. The Regulations and Syllabuses can be viewed at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/>. Further information is available on <https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/>.
6. Upon your submission of the online application, you will receive an email notification from the application system within 48 hours to upload the supporting document. Please upload all supporting document within one month starting from the date you receive the email notification, or by 23:59 on 6 December 2023, whichever is earlier:
 - Complete official transcript of undergraduate studies (and postgraduate studies, if any) (including studies undertaken in HKU);

- Graduate certificate of undergraduate studies (and postgraduate studies, if any) [Mainland China applicants should also provide “學士學位證書” or “中國高等教育學位在線驗證報告” & “教育部學歷證書電子註冊備案表”];
- 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.

[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.]

7. Each applicant is required to provide contact information of two referees (academic & professional) during the online application. The referees will then receive an email invitation to complete an online referee survey **within 4 weeks, or before 6 December 2023, whichever is earlier.**
8. Shortlisted applicants will be invited by email in late December 2023 to take a qualifying examination in early January 2024. Shortlisted applicants are required to submit original or certified true copies^{Note} of the supporting documents if they are shortlisted for interview. Please note that all original copies will NOT be returned. Photocopies and scanned copies are NOT accepted. Shortlisted applicants will be informed by email on the details of submission.

If you are an overseas applicant, the copies of documents can be certified by the appropriate officials of your home institution.

Note:

A **certified true copy** is a copy of a primary document that has on it an endorsement or certificate that it is a true copy of the primary document. It should bear the seals of the authorised party and be signed by an appropriate official. The name, status or position of the person certifying the copies must be clearly stated in English.

An authorised party includes the transcript and graduation certificate issuing authority/department of your institution (e.g. the Registry), a lawyer, a notary public, a Consulate General etc. However, a certified accountant is not an authorised party.

In Hong Kong, a copy of document that has been duly declared **as a true copy of the original document** by the applicant before a Commissioner for Oaths at a Home Affairs Enquiry Centres in Hong Kong is also acceptable. You may find a declaration sample [here](#). For details of declaration, please refer to the [website of the Home Affairs Department](#).

9. 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.
10. Successful candidates will be notified of the application results by the end of February 2024. 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 31 July 2024.

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