

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Buddhist Counselling Programme (2024/2025)

(Please also visit the University Taught Postgraduate Admissions website at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg> before submitting your application.)

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2024 to read for the degree of Master of Buddhist Counselling. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. The application deadline is **12:00 noon (GMT +8), February 29, 2024.**

The application deadline of scholarship offered by the Centre of Buddhist Studies: **February 29, 2024**

2. The Master of Buddhist Counselling programme offers quality training on Buddhist teaching-based counselling knowledge and skills by means of interdisciplinary learning and contemplative practice. Buddhist counselling students are held to high standards of knowledge of Buddhist teachings, counselling skills, ethics, self-introspection, and awareness. In particular, a significant portion of courses will focus on guiding students to apply Buddhist teachings in counselling. Using this training model, students will participate in group discussions, conduct role playing of counselling sessions, develop mindfulness practices, apply Buddhist counselling techniques in daily lives, and become involved in other experiential activities.

The curriculum shall normally extend over one academic year of full-time study or two academic years of part-time study. Classes are mainly conducted on weekday evenings and weekends. This course has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the “Continuing Education Fund” and scholarships are available for application. Detailed information on the curriculum is available from the website of the Centre of Buddhist Studies at https://www.buddhism.hku.hk/programmes_mbc.htm.

Admission Requirements

3. To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy the University Admission Requirements as listed below:
 - (a) shall comply with the [General Regulations](#);
 - (b) shall hold a good Bachelor’s degree of this University; or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
 - (c) satisfactorily completed “BSTC6079 Early Buddhism: a doctrinal exposition” and “BSTC6002 Mahayana Buddhism” in the HKU Master of Buddhist Studies programme, or courses of Buddhist studies offered by another comparable institution accepted for this purpose.
 - (d) 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 University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under [General Regulation G2\(b\)](#). Only TOEFL/IELTS scores recorded in the two years before the date of application are considered.
 - (e) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required. (ONLY for candidates who do not possess qualifications listed in 3(b) and/or 3(c) above.)
4. An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Application

5. Applications for this programme and payment of application fee (HK\$300 per application) should be submitted online at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg>.
6. After submitting the online application, applicants are required to upload the supporting documents within one month starting from the date of receipt of the email notification or post the required supporting documents to the Centre of Buddhist Studies, Room 4.20, 4/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Please mark “MBC” on the envelope. A checklist of the required supporting documents is available at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list>.
7. Applicants may contact the Centre of Buddhist Studies by email (hkumbc@hku.hk) or by telephone (3917 5075) if they do not receive their application results by July 31, 2024.

Regulations and Syllabuses

8. The regulations and syllabuses for the programme can be viewed at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list>.

Concurrent Studies

9. General Regulation G6(b)(i) prohibits concurrent registration by a student of this University for any other post-secondary qualification either at this University or at any educational institution, unless approval of the Senate has been obtained in advance. Students in breach of this regulation may be required to discontinue their studies at this University.

Visa for Studies

10. If you are not a holder of a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, a dependent visa, a work visa or an IANG (Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates) visa, you must obtain a student visa before registration in our programmes. Normally the student visa is only granted to those admitted to full-time studies. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have a valid visa and register in the programmes before the study begins. If any student fails to register in time, the offer of admission may be withdrawn and all fees already paid will not be refunded.

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