Students’ Voices

“The MSW program facilitated both my personal and professional growth as a social worker. The courses equipped me with both conceptual frameworks and up-to-date knowledge. Meanwhile, the placements and course activities polished my social work assessment and intervention skills by putting what I learned into practice. These experiences also made me reflect on my personal values and beliefs. With the continuous support and guidance from my teachers, supervisors, department staff, and classmate, the MSW journey has shaped a better me.”

Chan Shi | MSW Full-time Graduate

“I appreciate the department’s endeavours to encourage collaboration between different cohorts and graduates through workshops and gatherings. Such connections enable students to gather perspectives apart from academics to cultivate a positive identification with social work ethics, policies and development.”

Cheng Ka Man Patrick | MSW Part-time Graduate

“The MSW programme gave me many unforgettable memories. Not only do the teachers guide us to be professional social workers, they are also concerned about our well-being and personal growth. Also, the programme offered an insightful perspective on personal and social issues and equipped us with useful intervention skills to address them. As a graduate, I strongly feel that the HKU MSW programme has enriched my practice wisdom as well as my academic capacity.”

Huang Weijie Jason | MSW Part-time Graduate

“The MSW programme provides me with an opportunity to learn in a classroom setting as well as a culturally diverse environment. In the classroom, I have learnt how to identify service users’ problems/meets and formulate evidence-based interventions, which make social work a profession. As HKU welcomes students from all backgrounds, its diversity helps sharpen my cultural sensitivity in daily life. More importantly, I am inspired by some teachers’ passion which gives me much encouragement. Being a social worker is challenging but passion is definitely one of our qualities.”

Suen Kan Fong | MSW Full-time Graduate

JEAN ROBERTSON MEMORIAL BOOK PRIZE

Jean Robertson Memorial Book Prize

The book prize is awarded to honour those students who have achieved the best overall performance and shown the most promise as potential social workers.

Tuition Fee*

2-Year Full-time
HK$136,200 per annum (Local)
HK$166,000 per annum (Non-local)

3-Year Part-time
HK$91,900 per annum (Local)
*subject to the University’s approval

Deadline of Application
Main round — November 7, 2022 (12 noon)
Second round — February 27, 2023 (12 noon)

Information Session (ZOOM)
Date: 15 October 2022 (Saturday)
Time: 14:30pm-16:30pm
Registration: https://bit.ly/3UkpcSa

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Admission 2023/24
Master of Social Work
2-Year Full-time / 3-Year Part-time
Our MSW Programme has a rich tradition of providing social work education across the Asia-Pacific region. We provide students with a great appreciation for the breadth of social work and the diverse roles that social workers can play in multiple areas of direct practice, in policy, in research, in administration, and in community and organizational change.

**Curriculum Structure**

Students are required to complete 10 compulsory courses, 2 elective courses, 2 additional elective courses or a dissertation, 100 hours of pre-placement workshop, and 900 hours of field placement.

### MSW Full-time Curriculum Structure 2023-24

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*Remarks: Curriculum structure is subject to adjustments.*

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**Why get an MSW at HKU?**

HKU is a leading university in social work education in the region that offers:

- A global vision through overseas field education, study tours and a diverse teacher-student community
- A competent teaching team with renowned international and local faculty members in social work research, education and clinical practice
- Numerous opportunities for professional training and experiential learning through more than 350 local and international field placement options
- In recent years, we have sent students to Australia, Canada, Mainland China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, the U.K., and the U.S.A. for their field placements. We truly offer our students to have more exposure on international social work
- A global network of graduates who are making contributions in non-profit, government, corporate, and academic arenas

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**Foundation Curriculum**

- 10 Compulsory Courses
  - Elective Courses (Generalist Stream)
    - 4 Elective Courses
    - 2 Elective Courses + 1 Dissertation
  - Field Placement
  - 3 Capstone Experience Courses
  - Registered Social Workers (RSWs) in HK
  - To be employed in the government department and NGOs as family social workers, medical social workers, youth workers, school social workers etc.

**Compulsory Courses**

- Social policy and administration
- Social work research
- Human behaviour and the social environment I
- Human behaviour and the social environment II
- The Law, ethics and social work
- Social services management
- Social science theories for social work
- Theory and practice of social work – Casework
- Theory and practice of social work – Groupwork
- Theory and practice of social work – Community Development

**Elective Courses (Generalist Stream)**

- 4 Elective Courses
- 2 Elective courses + 1 Dissertation

**Field Placement (Capstone experience courses)**

- 100 hours of pre-placement workshop
- 450 hours of foundation fieldwork placement
- 450 hours of advanced fieldwork placement

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**MSW graduates are eligible for professional registration under the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board.**

Registered Social Workers (RSWs) in Hong Kong. Registration facilitates employment in government departments and NGOs as family, medical, youth, and school social workers.