Students’ Voices

“Apart from high-quality theoretical and practical learning opportunities on the social work profession, the MSW programme in HKU also provides great emphasis on the social work values underlying students’ service delivery and career development. Particularly, teachers have provided tremendous encouragement to students to make reflection on personal values. In such a supportive environment, I acquired clarity to understand myself as well as my passion to serve during the fruitful learning journey.”

Stephen Lee | MSW Part-time Graduate

“Pursuing MSW has been one of the most inspiring milestones in my life. The programme exclusively covers the theory and practice of social work, as well as guides me through professional development and personal growth. It would like to express heartfelt appreciation to the teaching and departmental staff who provided exceptional guidance and support, enabling a flexible, engaging, and personalized learning environment.”

Kasye Cheung | MSW Full-time Graduate

“The MSW programme was the cornerstone of my career. It equipped me with a stronger foundation in social services by developing a solid knowledge base in human behaviour, social environment, and public policy. It helped me to identify and analyze issues from new perspectives. Participating in such unforgettable journey, I also gained invaluable and supportive friendships.”

Crystal Leung | MSW Part-time Graduate

“The HKU MSW programme significantly enhanced my reflective skills and understanding of social work, particularly through valuable placements. Guided supervision and self-analysis honed my ability to assess and refine my practice. Real-world challenges fostered my personal and professional growth, also expanded the knowledge base and support network for my future career.”

Jeffrey Tang | MSW Full-time Graduate

“The MSW programme has provided me with diverse learning opportunities to integrate theory with practice. The coursework, fieldwork, and placement have further enriched my social work skills by developing practical skills and bridging the gap between academia and the realities of social work practice. Moreover, the programme goes beyond the conventional, nurturing personal growth through workshops that encourage self-reflection and development. It’s an enriching path that propels me forward as a future social worker.”

Heidi Cheung | MSW Full-time Graduate

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.

Jean Robertson Memorial Prize

Madam Lo Ng Kiu Ying Anita Memorial Prize
This prize was established to honour those students with outstanding performances in their placements.

Tuition Fee*

2-Year Full-time
HK$140,300 per annum (Local)
HK$170,900 per annum (Non-local)

3-Year Part-time
HK$94,700 per annum (Local)
*subject to the University’s approval

Deadline of Application
Main round ——— November 6, 2023 (12 noon)
Second round ——— February 28, 2024 (12 noon)

Information Session (Zoom)
Date: 7 October 2023 (Saturday)
Time: 09:30am-11:00am
Registration: https://rb.gy/7p5gd

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Admission 2024/25
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.

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.

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 level.
- A global network of graduates who are making contributions in non-profit, government, corporate, and academic arenas

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.

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 - Community Development
- Theory and practice of social work - Groupwork

Elective Courses (Generalist Stream)
- 4 Elective Courses
- 2 Elective courses + 1 Dissertation

Field Placement (Capstone experience courses)
- 300 hours of pre-placement workshop
- 450 hours of foundation fieldwork placement
- 450 hours of advanced fieldwork placement

MSW Full-time Curriculum Structure 2024-25

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- Human behaviour and the social environment I
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MSW Part-time Curriculum Structure 2024-25

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- Theory and practice of social work - Community Development
- Theory and practice of social work - Groupwork
- Social science theories for social work

*Remarks: Curriculum structure is subject to adjustments.*