

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Social Sciences in the field of Clinical Psychology

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2019 to the programme leading to the degree of Master of Social Sciences in Clinical 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 with a major in Psychology of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
- (c) shall have had an empirical research dissertation completed in the Bachelor's degree programme or another equivalent programme in psychology;
- (d) shall be eligible for the Graduate Membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society#;
- (e) 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 high degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b)*;
- (f) shall preferably have relevant working experience#; and
- (g) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case by case basis.

Subject to University's approval

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

2. The curriculum shall extend over two academic years of full-time study and the intervening vacations, with a maximum period of registration of four academic years of full-time study. Candidates will have to spend considerable time during and between terms in clinical settings.

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/>. Please provide academic transcript including those undertaken in the University of Hong Kong.

4. Applicants are required to upload the supporting documents in the following sequence:

- 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
- 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]
- Proof of application for graduate membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society (must be a member by the time of admission)
- A personal statement of no more than 1,200 words, covering the following areas:
 - (a) your personal background;
 - (b) your understanding of clinical psychology as a profession;
 - (c) the current status of clinical psychology in Hong Kong;
 - (d) your considered reasons for studying clinical psychology;
 - (e) your suitability for pursuing a career in clinical psychology, including strengths and weaknesses;
 - (f) your academic and professional goals after graduation; and
 - (g) how you intend to finance your studies, including an estimation of the total costs.

[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.]

5. Please also complete the additional information via the link: <https://goo.gl/iWe1pG> by the application deadline **12:00 noon, 12 February 2019.**

6. Each applicant is also required to request two academic/professional referees to write a report and forward the report directly either:

- 1) (preferred) electronically by email directly from the referee’s official email address with the applicant’s full name to msscp@hku.hk (please sign and scan the referee’s report in PDF file with the file name as “name of applicant_application number” e.g. Chan Tai Man_1234567890), or
- 2) by post in a sealed envelope, to the Admissions Advisor, MSocSc (Clinical Psychology), Department of Psychology, The University of Hong Kong.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the referees’ reports reach the University not later than one week after the closing date of application.

7. Shortlisted applicants are required to submit original or certified true copies of the supporting documents on the day of interview, 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: https://www.had.gov.hk/en/public_services/public_enquiry_services/faq.htm). Please note that all original copies will NOT be returned. Photocopies and scanned copies are NOT accepted.

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

8. The closing date of application is **12:00 noon, February 12, 2019.**

9. We use multiple criteria in the selection of candidates. Among the criteria are: academic records, personal maturity and motivation, understanding of clinical psychology, clarity in the formulation of goals, and relevant work experience in the broad field of applied psychology. Decisions are based on multiple sources of information, including transcripts, test scores, and the personal statement.
10. All applicants who possess the basic qualifications necessary for admission will be considered by the Clinical Psychology Programme Admissions Committee. Shortlisted applicants may be invited for interviews by the Admissions Committee.
11. The Admissions Committee expects to make its final decisions around late April 2019.
12. Financial assistance is available for local full-time postgraduate students and enquiries should be made to the Student Financial Assistance Agency, 11/F & 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon or to the Office of Student Affairs.
13. The Regulations and Syllabuses for this programme can be viewed at <http://www.hku.hk/tpg/>. Further information for this programme is available at http://www.psychology.hku.hk/~main/?page_id=1830.
14. For enquiries, please contact the Department of Psychology at 3917 5866 or cwfung@hku.hk if they do not receive their application results by July 31, 2019.

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