1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2021 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](https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/) 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](https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/) 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 [http://www.hku.hk/tpg/](http://www.hku.hk/tpg/).

4. The closing date of application is **12:00 noon, January 11, 2021**.


6. Upon submission of the HKU online application, please be reminded to complete an e-form here: [link](https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/) by the application deadline **23:59, January 13, 2021**. In the e-form, applicants are required to upload the following document:
• 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.]; 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. Upon submission of the e-form, the applicants’ academic / professional referees will receive an email invitation to complete an online referee’s report. The referees can follow the instruction in the email and submit the referee’s report by the deadline.

8. Shortlisted applicants will be invited by email in February 2021 to take a qualifying examination in March 2021. Details are available under “Admission” on https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-psychology/. On the day of qualifying examination, shortlisted applicants are required to submit original or certified true copies of the supporting documents, 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). Please note that all original copies will NOT be returned. Photocopies and scanned copies are NOT accepted.

9. Successful candidates will be notified of the application results by the end of June 2021. Applicants not shortlisted for the examination and/or interview can consider themselves unsuccessful.

10. Applicants may contact the Department of Psychology at (852) 3917 2375 / (852) 3917 7122 or mpsyc@hku.hk if they do not receive their application results by July 31, 2021.

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