

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Social Work

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2026 to the programme leading to the degree of Master of Social Work by full-time study or by part-time study. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. The application deadlines are:

Main round : **12:00 noon (GMT +8), November 3, 2025**

Second round : **12:00 noon (GMT +8), February 23, 2026**

Admission Requirements

2. 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 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 University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under [General Regulation G2\(b\)](#)*; and
 - (d) 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.

Application

3. Applications for this taught postgraduate programme and payment of application fee (HK\$600 per application) should be made through the HKU on-line application system at <https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/applying>. Upon successful payment, applicants will receive a unique application number.
4. After submitting the online application, applicants are required to upload the supporting documents in PDF format within 7 working days starting from the date of receipt of the email notification. A checklist of the required supporting documents is available at <https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/programme-listing>.

5. The hard copies of supporting documents are NOT REQUIRED at the application stage. Should you be given an admission offer, you will receive an email notice requiring you to submit a hard copy of the required supporting documents with submission details.
6. Applicants must obtain a Bachelor's degree on or before August 31, 2026 to apply for admission.
7. The application system consists of an idle session timeout. Applicants will be automatically logged out if the browser is idle for 20 minutes. Please save your work timely to prevent loss of data.
8. Applicants may contact the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at mshku@hku.hk if they do not receive their application results by July 31, 2026.

Regulations and Syllabuses

9. The Regulations and Syllabuses for this programme can be viewed at <https://www4.hku.hk/pubunit/drcd/>.

Period of Study

10. The curriculum shall normally extend over two academic years of full-time study or three academic years of part-time study.

Schedule

11. Classes for part-time students are arranged whenever possible during evenings or on Saturdays. There is also the expectation that full-time students will make themselves available for a block placement in the summer of their first year of study.
12. Students are allowed to take elective courses in their final year for full-time study or second plus final years for part-time study. Elective courses are mainly in the evening.

Concurrent Studies

13. 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.

Programme Website

14. Please visit the programme website for more information at <https://www.socialwork.hku.hk/msw/>

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