Sociology and your career

Our programmes help you to develop a broad social vision and the ability to critically reflect on human behaviour and social transformations. This all-round quality is highly valued in a wide range of careers.

Many of our graduates lead successful careers in business, government departments, welfare agencies, educational institutions, police and correctional services, the ICAC, the creative industries and many other fields.

Distribution by Employment for UG Graduates majoring in Sociology (2019)

- Civil Services: 5.9%
- Education: 5.9%
- Commerce & Industry: 70.6%
- Community, Social & Personal Services: 17.6%

Many of our students also continue their studies in local and overseas universities. Over the years, a substantial number of our students have been awarded scholarships to study in other prestigious institutions worldwide, e.g. University College London, London School of Economics and University of Warwick. For those wishing to continue their studies at HKU, we also offer MScSc programmes in Criminology and Media, Culture & Creative Cities, and MPhil/PhD programmes.

Our academic staff

Our teaching staff include world leading scholars, who are on hand to inspire, support and encourage you throughout your programme.

Capstone project

In your final year of study, you’ll undertake a group research project which you design yourself under the supervisions of our staff, giving you the chance to put your sociological skills into practice conducting real-life research.

“The final capstone project allowed me to work with a professor, reflect on my research and make a social impact.”

Leafia Zi Ye,
4th year Sociology

See previous capstone projects at sociology.hku.hk/capstone
Study options

We offer Major and Minor study options at undergraduate level in the following areas:

SOCIOLOGY
This programme seeks to nurture you to become a knowledgeable, critical and caring member of society. The programme offers you a solid intellectual foundation in Sociology. Its wide ranging courses provide you with the skills to analyse key features of modern societies, such as social divisions, culture and identity, media and technology, marriage and family.

"Enrolling in an introductory sociology course without even knowing what "sociology" means was one of the best decisions I've ever made.
Guo Yanan, 4th year Sociology

CRIMINOLOGY
The programme seeks to promote a critical and comparative understanding of crime and social harm in society, the impact on different social groups and communities, and why and how crime and deviance should be punished.

"The Criminology major allowed me to learn about crime from a different angle, and challenged my conventional understanding of everyday life.
Cherry Cheng, 2nd year Criminology

MEDIA AND CULTURAL STUDIES
This programme seeks to nurture you to be able to understand media and culture from a sociological perspective. This course will give you the knowledge and skills to analyse how different kinds of media and cultural forms impact upon our society, social relationships and everyday lives.

"This programme was both stimulating and engaging, and equipped me with knowledge essential for my future academic and career pursuits.
Heather Pong, 3rd year Media & Cultural Studies

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