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MAKER
GLOBAL DEFINITION OF SOCIAL WORK

Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing. The above definition may be amplified at national and/or regional levels. (International Federation of Social Workers, 2014)

ACCREDITATION

Our programme is accredited by the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board. Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as Registered Social Workers.

WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?

Social Work is a PROFESSION that can change your life, others’ lives, and the world.
INTERNATIONALISATION

Our Social Policy & Administration subject ranked the

20th in the World
4th in Asia

Committed to nurturing students as
GLOBAL CITIZENS
through
• Worldwide exchange studies
• Overseas study tours
• Overseas placements
• Field trips
• International students

WORLD CLASS FACULTY

with diverse backgrounds and solid practice experience

Our internationally renowned teaching team

Prof. Cecilia Chan BODY-MIND-SPIRIT
Prof. Samson Tse MENTAL DISABILITY AND RECOVERY
Prof. Terry Lum AGING IN PLACE
Prof. Daniel Wong COGNITIVE-BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY
Prof. Amy Chow END-OF-LIFE BEREAVEMENT CARE
Prof. Rainbow Ho EXPRESSIVE ARTS
Prof. Petula Ho GENDER AND SEXUALITY
Prof. Paul Yip SUICIDE PREVENTION
Prof. S.M. Ng MENTAL HEALTH

INNOVATION

Introduce innovations to our students to help special target groups and to facilitate policy changes:

SPECIAL TARGET GROUPS
• Special education needs
• Depression
• Dementia
• Eczema
• Intellectual disabilities
• Infertility
• Suicidal intention

SOCIAL POLICY CHANGES
• Elderly Care
• End-of-Life Care
• Special education needs
• Suicide Prevention
• Mental Health

INTERVENTION METHODS
• Animal Assisted Therapy
• Dual Process Bereavement Intervention
• Body-Mind-Spirit Intervention
• Cognitive Therapy
• Expressive Art Therapy
• Qigong

Bringing innovative insights from teachers’ projects to students’ learning

INTERDISCIPLINARITY

The seminar series ‘Inter-professional Team-Based Learning for Health Professional Students’ (IPTBL) has been organized to enhance cross-discipline learning with students from medicine, nursing and other health-related programmes.

IMPACT

Making positive impacts on society is the ultimate mission of our programme. With the above 3Is, our students can make a difference locally, regionally and globally through
• a mastery of evidence-based practice
• advocating changes to social policy
We provide rigorous professional social work training for our students from the first semester of their Year I study.

**DIVERSE ELECTIVE CHOICES**

Our electives in macro and micro level practice offer students the opportunity to gain depth in specific areas of social work practice. New electives are offered in response to emerging social issues, such as:

- Intervention models
- Cognitive behavioural therapy
- Design thinking
- Play therapy
- Solution-focused therapy

- Use of creative arts in social work practice
- Special target groups
- Diversity and social inclusion
- Special education needs

**CURRICULUM STRUCTURE**

- **Common Core Courses**: 36 credits
- **Professional Core**: 150 credits
- **Language Enhancement Courses**: 18 credits
- **Free Electives**: 36 credits

**FOUNDATION**
- Introduction to social work
- Social welfare system and social policy
- Human behaviour and the social environment I
- Reflective practitioner

**CONSOLIDATION**
- Foundation of social work practice – Casework, Group Work and Community Development
- Human behaviour and the social environment II
- Social work research methodology
- Academic and professional literacies in social work

**SPECIALIZATION**
- Social work practice laboratory I & II
- Social work research analysis and utilization
- Law and social administration
- Fieldwork placement I

**INTEGRATION & APPLICATION**
- Advanced social work practice I & II
- Management in human service organizations
- Fieldwork placement II

**INTENSIVE PRACTICE LABORATORY**
- Whole-year small group training
- In-house skills teaching and demonstration
- On-site field project implementation

**FIELDWORK PLACEMENT**
- A team of experienced full-time supervisors
- Most extensive coverage of countries in overseas placement
- The largest no. of students undertaking overseas placement

**PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING**
- Evidence-based and theory-driven learning to nurture life-long learners
- Enhancement of competence in integrating different approaches flexibly
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
- Our international teaching team are academics with diverse backgrounds from the best universities worldwide.
- 14+ countries have been represented in the student body since 2000.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
The University and the Faculty of Social Sciences provide a wide range of undergraduate exchange programmes with universities all around the world.

Social Work students can undertake half year-exchange opportunities in the second year without extending their studies.

Over 20% of BSW students joined an exchange programme in past 3 years.

3-CAMPUS EAST ASIA PROGRAMME
Participants attend academic lectures relating to three focus areas, namely political, social, and cultural developments in Taiwan and South Korea to examine these areas through a comparative lens as well as analyzing their regional and global implications.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE
Social work has become a global profession. The transnational nature of issues such as poverty, immigration, violence, and environmental degradation require a global perspective.

FINLAND STUDY TOUR
Explore the meanings, practices and implications of social work from a global perspective.

OVERSEAS PLACEMENT
We currently have the most extensive coverage of overseas countries and the largest number of students undertaking overseas placements among local social work training institutes.

COVERAGE OF OVERSEAS COUNTRIES
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ACADEMIC ADVISING
- To assist students' adjustment to university life academically and socially,
- a Faculty Academic Adviser from the home Faculty is assigned upon admission to HKU;
- a Personal Tutor from the home Department is assigned each year from the second year of study onwards.

MENTORSHIP
Our HKU Social Work Alumni Association offers a one-to-one Mentorship scheme to provide support and guidance to current social work students and new graduates.

SCHOLARSHIPS & PRIZES
A number of scholarships and prizes have been endowed for BSW students on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

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DETAILED SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION
HKU Scholarships Office
www.scholarships.hku.hk

CAREER PROSPECT
Graduates can start their career as ASSISTANT SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (ASWO) of the Social Welfare Department with starting salary over HK$33,000.

2019 BSW GRADUATES’ EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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CAREER GUIDANCE
The Department provides professional support and resources to help our students fully recognise their potential and give them advice in identifying career paths.
- Interview skills workshops
- Mock interviews
- Alumni-sharing sessions
- Recruitment talks

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JUAPS APPLICANTS

- Minimum Programme Entrance Requirements:
  - English Language: Level 3
  - Chinese Language: Level 3
  - Mathematics: Level 2
  - Liberal Studies: Level 2
  - Elective Subjects: Level 3 in two subjects

- Any best 5 HKDSE subjects among Category A (excluding Mathematics Extended Modules 1 and 2) or Category C will be counted.

- Other Tie-breakers:
  - Credits in 5* and 5**
  - Heavier weighing in Mathematics and English
  - Interview score
  - Other learning experiences (OLE)

- Applicants are usually invited to interview once from May to June.

NON-JUPAS APPLICANTS

Students holding non-HKDSE qualifications are considered individually. For details, please refer to HKU Undergraduate Admissions website at https://aal.hku.hk/admissions.