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

- Medical social services
- Services for young people
- Family & child welfare
- Rehabilitation services
- Services for the elderly
- Services for offenders
- Community development
Social Work is a practice- and evidence-based PROFESSION.

HKU BSW PROGRAMME

nurtures young social workers to be Change-Makers through:

INTERNATIONALISATION

INTERDISCIPLINARITY

INNOVATION
WORLD CLASS INTERNATIONAL TEACHING TEAM WITH DIVERSE COMPETENCE

Our internationally renowned teaching team

Prof. Amy Chow
ENF-OF-LIFE & BEREAVEMENT CARE

Prof. Terry Lum
AGING IN PLACE

Prof. Daniel Wong
COGNITIVE-BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY

Prof. S.M. Ng
MENTAL HEALTH

Prof. Samson Tse
MENTAL DISABILITY AND RECOVERY

Prof. Cecilia Chan
BODY-MIND-SPirit

Prof. Petula Ho
GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Prof. Rainbow Ho
EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Prof. Paul Yip
SUICIDE PREVENTION
INTERNATIONALISATION

• International Students

Students from China, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, Brazil, Pakistan, Kazakhstan admitted in our programme

• International Exchanges

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<th>Academic Year</th>
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OVERSEAS PLACEMENTS

Over the years, over 300 social work students completed their field placement outside Hong Kong such as: Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, U.K., U.S.A.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>No. of BSW Student undertaking Overseas Placement</th>
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<td>2015</td>
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<td>2020</td>
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INTERNATIONALISATION

Finland Study Tour
(International Summer School for Social Work)
INTERNATIONALISATION

• Our teachers are Board members of International Professional Organizations
INNOVATION

- Our teachers participated in different innovative projects

**INTEGRATIVE**

BodyMindSpirit

童心同行

**Tools to Inform Policy**

Chinese communities’ Action in Response to Dementia

華人社會認知障礙症策略工具
**Methods**
- Animal Assisted Therapy
- Dual Process Bereavement Intervention
- Body-Mind-Spirit Intervention
- Cognitive Therapy
- Expressive Art Therapy
- Hypnotherapy
- Qigong

**Targets**
- Persons with special education needs
- Persons with depression
- Persons with dementia
- Persons with intellectual disabilities
- Persons with infertility
- Bereaved persons from suicide
- Persons with Eczema

**Social Policy Changes**
- Elderly Care
- End-of-life Care
- Special education needs
- Suicide Prevention
- Mental Health

**INNOVATION**
- Our programme introduces innovations to our students to help special target groups and to facilitate policy changes.
INNOVATION

- Mealingful, a social enterprise established by a group of our BSW IV students in 2020.

A social enterprise that aims to improve the quality of life of the elderly and people with dysphagia by delivering decent soft meals.
**INTERDISCIPLINARY**

- Inter-professional Education and Collaborative Practice (IPECP)

  IPECP brings together students from health care and social care disciplines from HKU to learn how to work effectively by recognizing the expertise of other disciplines to complement their own expertise to deliver the highest quality of services.

  - Social Work
  - MBBS
  - Nursing
  - Chinese Medicine
  - Public Health
  - Pharmacology & Pharmacy
  - Medical & Health Sciences Education
IMPACT

• Evidence-based Practice
  Research on Social Work Practice in Year II & III
  Practice Laboratory in Year III
  Advanced Social Work Practice in Year IV

• Changing the social policy of Hong Kong
  • Suicide Prevention
  • Elderly Care
  • End-of-life Care
  • SEN
  • Mental Health
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<td><strong>SPECIALISATION</strong></td>
<td><strong>INTEGRATION &amp; APPLICATION</strong></td>
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</table>
| - Introduction to social work  
- Social welfare system & social policy  
- Human behavioural & social environment I  
  - Reflective practitioner | - Foundation of social work practice – Casework, Group Work and Community Development  
- Human behavioural & social environment II  
- Social work research – Methodology  
- Academic & professional literacies in social work | - Social work practice Laboratory  
  - Whole year intensive in-house simulation practice  
  + On-site field project implementation  
- Social work research – Analysis & utilization  
- Law and social administration | - Advanced social work practice  
  - Problem-based small group teaching  
  + Interdisciplinary team-based learning  
- Management in human service organisation  
- Fieldwork placement II |
| **ROBUST PROGRAMME** | | | |

- Care for self and community  
  + Understanding personal strength and weakness through self-reflection

- Reflective practitioner

- In-house team of full-time fieldwork supervisors  
  + Largest number of students undertaking overseas placement around the world

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  + Interdisciplinary team-based learning

- Problem-based small group teaching  
  + Interdisciplinary team-based learning

- Management in human service organisation  
- Fieldwork placement II
Year 1 (Foundation)

Year 1 (1st Sem)
- CAES 1000: Core University English

Year 1 (2nd Sem)
- PSYC 1001: Introduction to Psychology
- SOCI 1001: Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 1003: Introduction to Anthropology

Common Core Courses
- SOWK 1002: Introduction to Social Work
- SOWK 1004: Human Behaviour and the Social Environment (I)
- SOWK 1008: Social Welfare System and Social Policy
- SOWK 1009: The Reflective Practitioner

1 Elective Course

Year 2 (Consolidation + Specialization + Integration + Application)

Year 2 (1st Sem)
- CAES9925: Academic and professional literacies in social work

Year 2 (2nd Sem)
- CSSC 9001: Practice Chinese for Social Sciences Students

2 - 3 Common Core Course(s)

Year 3 (Consolidation + Specialization + Integration + Application)

Year 3 (1st Sem)
- 0 - 1 Common Core Course

Year 3 (2nd Sem)
- SOWK 3010: Research in Social Work Practice (I)
- SOWK 3015: Research in Social Work Practice (II)
- SOWK 3109: Foundation of Social Work Practice (III) – Community Development

Year 3 (Summer Sem)
- SOWK 4006: Fieldwork placement (I)
- SOWK 4007: Fieldwork placement (II)

4 - 5 Elective Course(s)

Year 4 (Specialization + Integration + Application)

Year 4 (1st Sem)
- SOWK 4002: Advanced social work practice (I)

Year 4 (2nd Sem)
- SOWK 4003: Advanced social work practice (II)

2 Elective Courses

Flexibility would be given to students to complete the following core courses from Year III to IV:
- SOWK 3030: Law and Social Administration
- SOWK 4055: Management in Social Service Organizations

450 hours

450 hours
## Compulsory University Requirements

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<th>Requirements for single degrees</th>
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<td>CAES9925 Academic &amp; professional literacies in social work</td>
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<td>CSSC9001 Practical Chinese for social sciences students OR</td>
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## Compulsory Introductory Courses

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<td>SOCI1001./SOCI1003. Introduction to sociology/ Introduction to anthropology</td>
<td>6</td>
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## Compulsory Disciplinary Requirements

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<td>SOWK1002. Introduction to social work</td>
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<td>SOWK1004. Human behaviour and the social environment (I)</td>
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<td>SOWK1008. Social welfare system and social policy</td>
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<td>SOWK1009. The reflective practitioner</td>
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<td><strong>Year 2</strong></td>
<td>SOWK2008. Human behaviour and the social environment (II)</td>
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<td>SOWK2015. Research in social work practice I</td>
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<td>SOWK3109. Foundation of social work practice III</td>
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<td><strong>Year 3</strong></td>
<td>SOWK3010. Research in social work practice II</td>
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<td>SOWK3015. Social work practice laboratory I</td>
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<td>SOWK3016. Social work practice laboratory II: Field attachment</td>
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<td>SOWK3030. Law and social administration*</td>
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<td><strong>SOWK4006. Field work placement I</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Year 4</strong></td>
<td>SOWK4002. Advanced social work practice I</td>
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<td>SOWK4003. Advanced social work practice II</td>
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<td><strong>SOWK4007. Field work placement II</strong></td>
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<td>SOWK4055. Management in human service organizations*</td>
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<td><strong>Normally Year 2-4</strong></td>
<td>Two 6-credits Disciplinary Electives</td>
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*Flexibility would be given to students to complete these core courses from Year 3 to 4.*
Free Electives

- 36-credits of free electives, including at least 24 credits at advanced level, offered by the SWSA Department or other Departments
- May opt for a minor (36 credits of courses) offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences or other Faculties
Our programme is accredited by the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board. Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as Registered Social Workers.
Pathway

BSW 6731

BSocSc 6717 Bxx

MSW

Registered Social Worker
Why HKU?

• Long History with Excellent Reputation
  Over 70 years’ experience in social work training

• Research Excellence
• Global Exposure
• Ample Support and Resources (Academic Advising, Scholarships etc.)
• Career Prospect
Support and Resources in BSW

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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<th>SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIZES</th>
<th>TARGET STUDENTS</th>
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<td>Social Work Entrance Scholarships</td>
<td>Year 1 students who have obtained outstanding performance on the HKDSE</td>
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<td>HSBC Social Work Scholarships</td>
<td>Academically outstanding students from all years of study</td>
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<td>Madam Lui Chui Sau Chun Memorial Scholarships</td>
<td>Year 2 students on basis of academic merit and financial need</td>
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<td>Madam Lo Ng Kiu Ying Memorial Scholarships</td>
<td>Academically outstanding Year 3 students</td>
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<td>Madam Lo Ng Kiu Ying Memorial</td>
<td>Students with outstanding performance in fieldwork placement</td>
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<td>HKU Social Work 1978 Alumni Travel Award</td>
<td>Students in any year of study in support of in support of overseas placements*</td>
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* Students who have been selected for overseas placement will receive around 40% of the total expense subsidy. For local placement, students can also be supported by a travelling allowance if the placement settings are located far from home.
Our graduates can start their career as Assistant Social Work Officer (ASWO).

2020 BSW GRADUATES’ EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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<th>Employment Situation</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Employed</td>
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<td>Further studies</td>
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<th>Basic Salary</th>
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<td>Median</td>
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<td>High-end</td>
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<th>Sector</th>
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<td>Community, Social &amp; Personal Services</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>Civil Service</td>
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<td>Commerce &amp; Industry</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Educational Institutions</td>
<td>3%</td>
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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
Prospect of HKU BSW graduates

Recent graduates have diversified into human services, public relations, and educational settings including:

**Community, Social & Personal Services:**
- Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
- Caritas Hong Kong
- Christian Family Services Centre
- Heep Hong Society
- Hong Kong Catholic and Marriage Advisory Council
- Hong Kong Christian Service
- Hong Kong Children & Youth Services
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
- National University Hospital of Singapore
- Po Leung Kuk
- St. James’ Settlement
- The Boys’ & Girls’ Club Association of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
- The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation
- The Salvation Army
- The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention
- Tung Wah Groups of Hospitals
- Yan Chai Hospital
- YMCA of Hong Kong

**Civil Service:**
- Hong Kong Police Force
- Immigration Department
- Social Welfare Department
Entrance Requirements and Scoring

Minimum Entrance Requirements

- Chinese: Level 3
- English: Level 3
- Mathematics: Level 2
- Liberal Studies: Level 2
- Two Electives: Level 3

Scoring Method

Any best 5 HKDSE subjects in 2021 and 2022 among Category A (including Mathematics Extended Modules 1&2) or Category C will be counted.

(NO PENALTY for repeaters)

Other Tie-breakers

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

Arrangement

Applicants who choose our programme in Band A; or are selected under Principal’s Nomination Scheme will be invited to join an activity before OR after the release of HKDSE results.

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<td>2nd round</td>
<td>Late-July 2022</td>
<td>AFTER release of HKDSE results and the modification of programme choices</td>
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Notes:
1. Other Language subjects will be used as unspecified elective subjects. The minimum requirement is Grade E.
2. We welcome applicants to submit Alternative Qualifications in Chinese Language (ACL), i.e. GCSE / GCE etc. for consideration in lieu of the general Chinese language requirement.
3. Scoring system for JUPAS

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JUPAS SCORES IN 2021

- Upper Quartile Score: 29
- Median Score: 28
- Lower Quartile Score: 26

Notes:

**Level-Score Conversion System of Category A Subjects**

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<th>HKDSE Level</th>
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**Grade-Score Conversion System of Category C Other Language Subjects**

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<td><strong>Level conversion to scores</strong></td>
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APPLICATION DETAILS FOR NON-JUPAS

Entrance Requirements

Students holding non-HKDSE qualifications are considered individually. For details, please refer to website of HKU Undergraduate Admission at [https://aal.hku.hk/admissions/international/admissions-information](https://aal.hku.hk/admissions/international/admissions-information)

Interview Arrangement

Interview and written test will be offered to selected applicants from December 2021 to June 2022. **Firm/Conditional offer** will be granted to those with good performance