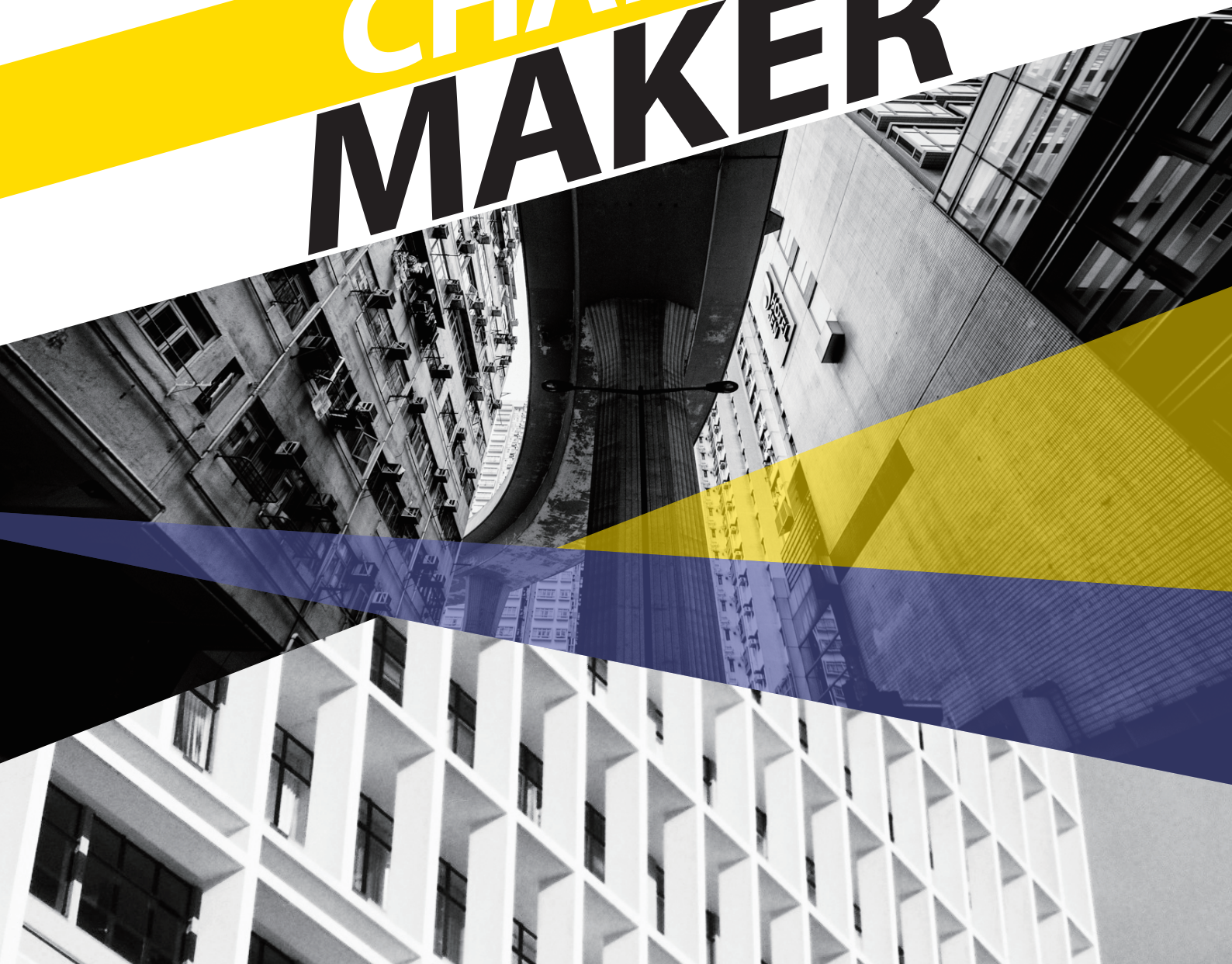
Department of Social Work and Social Administration
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學社會工作及社會行政學系

HKU BSW

BE A CHANGE MAKER



WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?

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

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.

INTERNATIONALISATION

HKU BSW PROGRAMME

INTERDISCIPLINARITY

nurtures young social workers to be Change-Makers through:

INNOVATION

INTERNATIONALISATION

Our **Social Policy & Administration** subject ranked the

20th
in the World

4th
in Asia

The 2019 Times Higher Education World University Rankings' Social Sciences

Committed to nurturing students as

GLOBAL CITIZENS

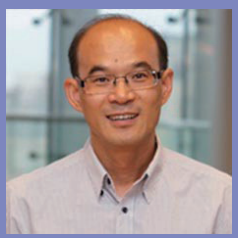
through

- 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. Samson Tse
MENTAL DISABILITY AND RECOVERY

Prof. Cecilia Chan
BODY-MIND-SPIRT

Prof. Terry Lum
AGING IN PLACE

Prof. Petula Ho
GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Prof. Daniel Wong
COGNITIVE-BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY

Prof. Paul Yip
SUICIDE PREVENTION

Prof. Rainbow Ho
EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Prof. Amy Chow
END-OF-LIFE BEREAVEMENT CARE

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

JOCKEY CLUB AUTISM SUPPORT NETWORK 賽馬會喜伴同行計劃

賽馬會安寧頌 JCEcc Jockey Club End-of-Life Community Care Project

賽馬會樂齡同行計劃 Jockey Club JC JoyAge Holistic Support Project for Elderly Mental Wellness

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

PROGRAMME FEATURES

We provide rigorous professional social work training for our students from the first semester of their Year I study.

1st YEAR

FOUNDATION

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

2nd YEAR

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

3rd YEAR

SPECIALIZATION

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

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	Professional Core	Language Enhancement Courses	Free Electives
36 credits	150 credits	18 credits	36 credits

4th YEAR

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 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.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

- Our International teaching team are academics with diverse backgrounds from the best universities worldwide.
- 144+ countries have been represented in the student body since 2000.

FINLAND STUDY TOUR

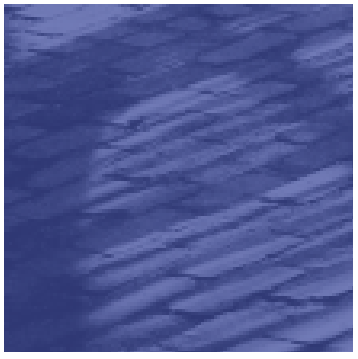
Explore the meanings, practices and implications of social work from a global perspective

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.

▼ TORONTO

COVERAGE OF OVERSEAS COUNTRIES

Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, U.K., U.S.A.

▼ TAIPEI

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.

▲ SYDENY

▲ INDIA

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIZES	TARGET STUDENTS
Social Work Entrance Scholarships	Year I students who have obtained outstanding performance on the HKDSE
HSBC Social Work Scholarships	Academically outstanding students from all years of study
Madam Lui Chui Sau Chun Memorial Scholarships	Year II students on basis of academic merit and financial need
Madam Lo Ng Kiu Ying Memorial Scholarships	Academically outstanding Year III students
Madam Lo Ng Kiu Ying Memorial	Students with outstanding performance in fieldwork placement
HKU Social Work 1978 Alumni Travel Award	Students in any year of study in support of in support of overseas placements*

** 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.*

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.

2020 BSW GRADUATES' EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Employment Situation	Percentage
Employed	97%
Futher Studies	3%

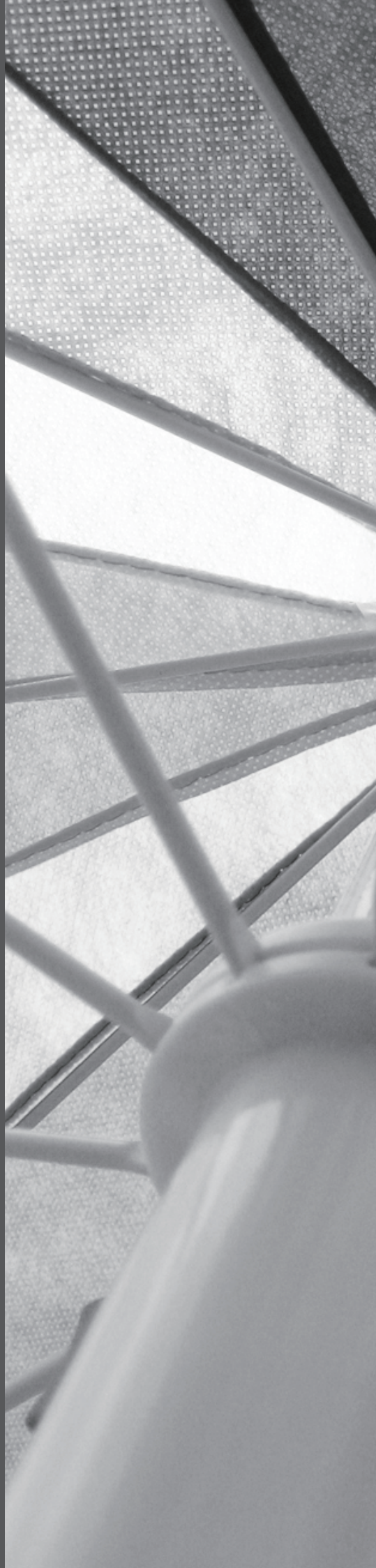
	Basic Salary
Median	HK$26,240
High-end	HK$33,350

Employment Sector	Percentage
Community, Social & Personal Services	82%
Civil Service	9%
Commercial & Industrial	6%
Education Institutions	3%

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



ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

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.

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