HKU BSW

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CHANGE

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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.
HKU BSW PROGRAMME

nurtures young social workers to be Change-Makers through:

INTERNATIONALISATION

INTERDISCIPLINARITY

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

Our Social Policy & Administration subject ranked the
20th
in the World

4th
in Asia

The 2019 Times Higher Education World University Rankings: Social Sciences

WORLD CLASS FACULTY

with diverse backgrounds and solid practice experience

Prof. Samson Tse
MENTAL DISABILITY AND RECOVERY

Prof. Cecilia Chan
BODY-MIND-SPirit

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. S.M. Ng
MENTAL HEALTH

Prof. Amy Chow
END-OF-LIFE BEREAVEMENT CARE

Prof. Daniel Lum
AGING IN PLACE
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.

**1st YEAR**
- Introduction to social work
- Social welfare system and social policy
- Human behaviour and the social environment I
- Reflective practitioner

**2nd YEAR**
- 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**
- 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
4th YEAR

INTEGRATION & APPLICATION

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

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

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<th>Free Electives</th>
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<td>36 credits</td>
<td>150 credits</td>
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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.

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.

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

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.
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
Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, U.K., U.S.A.
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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<td>Year I students who have obtained outstanding performance on the HKDSE</td>
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<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 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.

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**

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<td>Employed</td>
<td>97%</td>
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<td>Further Studies</td>
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<th>Basic Salary</th>
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<td>Median HK$26,240</td>
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<td>High-end HK$33,350</td>
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<td>Community, Social &amp; Personal Services</td>
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<td>Civil Service</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Commercial &amp; Industrial</td>
<td>6%</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
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.