

Master of Arts in Applied Social Sciences

Programme Code:	MAASS(P77)
Normal Duration:	1 Years (full-time) / 2 Years (part-time/combined mode)
Maximum Study Period:	2.5 Years (full-time) / 5 Years (part-time/combined mode)
Mode of Programme:	Combined†
Minimum No. of Credits Required:	30
Medium of Instruction:	English

Programme Aims

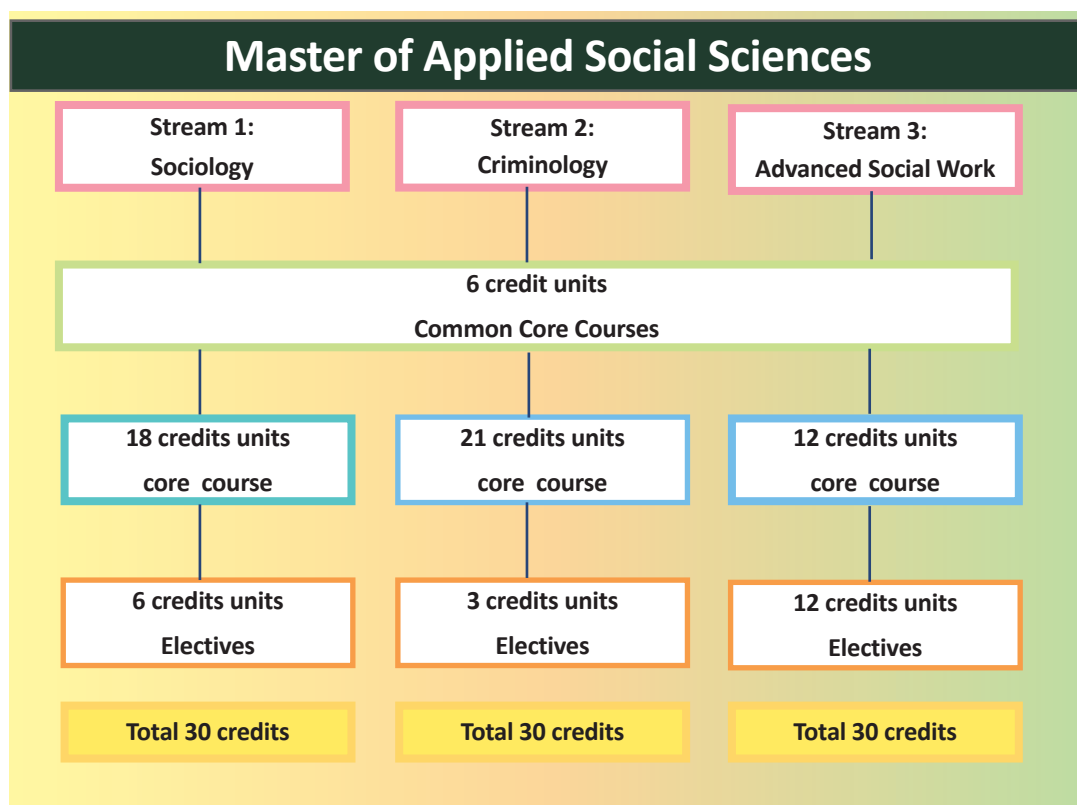
The programme aims to train social science practitioners with sound knowledge in the theory and practice to help people, organizations and communities develop innovative solutions, and to accomplish excellence in undertaking research in social sciences.

Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs):

On successful completion of the programme, students should be able to:

- ▲ evaluate major principles/theories in different disciplines in social sciences;
- ▲ demonstrate the ability to integrate major principles/theories in analyzing social problems;
- ▲ demonstrate the ability to design and conduct research in social sciences; and
- ▲ devise innovative practices in social sciences to real-life problems.

Programme Profile



Programme Features

- ▲ Students can decide on their own study path, schedule and load for each semester in order to complete the programme in 2 to 5 years. Such flexible nature allows students to pace and plan their own study to best suit their personal and career development needs.
- ▲ MA degree with three main streams - 1) Sociology; 2) Criminology and 3) Advanced Social Work. Applicants are required to indicate the selected stream when submitting applications; and admitted students are not allowed a change of stream.
- ▲ The Stream courses will be taught by a strong team of experts from sociology, criminology, psychology, social work, counselling & psychology background. Students from various background also form circles to enrich synergy for effective learning.

Stream 1: Sociology

- ▲ Core courses provide a solid foundation on applied sociology theories and social research methodologies.
- ▲ "Integrative Project" is an opportunity for students to apply sociological theories, methods and ethics. The Project focuses on an actual problem or issue.
- ▲ Students can select any two electives from a list of courses in different fields.

Stream 2: Criminology

- ▲ The stream aims at training students in becoming competent researchers and/or practitioners at an advanced level in the key areas of policing and offender rehabilitation.

Stream 3: Advanced Social Work

- ▲ The Stream is designed to enable front-line workers and middle management personnel in social service fields and particularly the nonprofit sector in East Asian countries and beyond.
- ▲ The programme prepares students for new opportunities in the region. The Belt and Road initiative provides a visionary blueprint for energetic economic development in the east and the west and will provide financial support for social service development through the non-profit sector and philanthropic organisations.
- ▲ For front-line social service workers, the curriculum provides state-of-the-art exposure to micro-, meso-, and macro-levels social service planning, implementation, and evaluation. It also addresses issues related to social innovations, social problem prevention and intervention, capacity building as well as effective leadership, organisational and social entrepreneurship.

Entrance Requirements

To be eligible for admission, you must:

- ▲ hold a recognized bachelor's degree from one of the universities in Hong Kong or from any overseas institution recognized for this purpose by the University; or
- ▲ hold such other qualifications as deemed acceptable by University as equivalent to the above.

Applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an institution where the medium of instruction is not English should also fulfill the following minimum English proficiency requirement:

- ▲ TOEFL score 550 (paper-based test) or 213 (computer-based test) or 79 (internet-based test); or
- ▲ Overall band score of 6.5 in International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
- ▲ Score 450 in the new College English Test (CET-6) of Chinese mainland or a pass in the old CET-6 test; or
- ▲ Other equivalent qualifications.

Programme Structure

Under the new proposed programme structure, there are no intermediate exits, students may obtain the MA degree by completing a total of 6 credit units of common core courses, and

- ▲ 18 credit units core courses and 6 credit units for “Sociology Stream” or
- ▲ 21 credit units core courses and 3 credit units for “Criminology Stream” or
- ▲ 12 credit units core courses and 12 credit units for “Advanced Social Work Stream”

Programme Common Core Courses (6 credit units)

Students are required to take 2 programme common Core Course (6 credit units)

SS5302	Research Methods in Social Sciences	3
SS5426	Social Problems	3

Streams

Students are required to specialize in one of three stream and take the required credits of courses from their chosen stream

Stream 1: Sociology

Stream 2: Criminology

Stream 3: Advanced Social Work

Stream 1: Sociology (24 credit Units)

i) Programme Core Courses

Students are required to take 6 courses (18 credit units)

SS5400	Applied Sociology	3
SS5401	Social Science Perspectives	3
SS5423	Programme Design & Evaluation	3
SS5428	Applied Social Statistical Analysis	3
SS6591	Integrative Project	6

ii) Programme Electives

Students are required to take any 2 courses (6 credit units)

SS5110	Assessment and Interventions in Mental Health Counselling	3
SS5427	Special Topics in Applied Sociology	3
SS5824	Domestic Violence: Prevention and Treatment	3
SS5832	Counselling Older Adults	3
SS5835	Labour and Workplace Relations	3
SS6401	Social Impact Assessment	3
SS6402	Social Indicators Development	3

Stream 2: Criminology (24 credit units)

i) Programme Core Courses

Students are required to take 7 courses (21 credit units)

SS5204	Penology & Rehabilitation of Offenders	3
SS5301	Advanced Theories in Criminology	3
SS5304	Psychology and Crime	3
SS5305	Policing Studies	3
SS5803	Psychopathology	3
SS6308	Master's Thesis in Criminology	6

ii) Programme Electives

Students are required to take any 1 course (3 credit units)

SS5110	Assessment and Interventions in Mental Health Counselling	3
SS5208	Cognitive-behavioural Interventions	3
SS5303	Criminal Justice in Hong Kong and the Pacific	3
SS5316	Aggressive Behavior and Homicide	3
SS5802	Group Counselling and Therapy	3
SS5824	Domestic Violence: Prevention and Treatment	3

Stream 3: Advanced Social Work (12 credit units)

i) Programme Core Courses

Students are required to take 4 courses (12 credit units)

SS5111	Social Welfare Policy System and Reform	3
SS5112	Social Welfare Management	3
SS5114	Legal Issues for the Social Worker	3
SS5315	Strategic Leadership for Human Services	3

ii) Programme Electives

Students are required to take any 4 course (12 credit units)

SS5110	Assessment and Interventions in Mental Health Counselling	3
SS5116	Empowerment-oriented Practice with Socially Disadvantaged Groups	3
SS5204	Penology & Rehabilitation of Offenders	3
SS5208	Cognitive-Behavioural Interventions	3
SS5802	Group Counselling and Therapy	3
SS5805	Narrative-based Therapeutic Conversations: Theory and Practice	3
SS5821	Counselling Children and Youth	3
SS5822	Family-based Service and Family Practice	3
SS5824	Domestic Violence: Prevention and Treatment	3
SS5832	Counselling Older Adults	3
SS5835	Labour and Workplace Relations	3
SS6401	Social impact assessment	3

Career Prospects

Stream 1: Sociology

Sample areas of employment in applied sociology are, for example, in the following fields and organizations: private research and consulting firms, government and public sector organizations, political parties and interest groups, third sector and civil society organizations, marketing and advertising firms, public relations and media firms, social services agencies, and education sector.

Graduates may also pursue postgraduate programmes in sociology, psychology, social welfare and human services at Doctoral level.

Stream 2: Criminology

Graduates in criminology could pursue a career in law enforcement/ disciplinary forces (e.g., Hong Kong Police Force, Hong Kong Correctional Services Department, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong Immigration Department, Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department, and Hong Kong Fire Services Department), private security agencies (e.g., corporate security firms, threat assessment and management agencies, anti-fraud agencies, and private investigative agencies), and non-governmental organizations that serve the forensic and related populations (e.g., ex-offenders, drug abusers, victims of crime, and at-risk youth). Graduates may also pursue postgraduate programmes in criminology, criminal justice, and other related fields (e.g., forensic psychology, law, and social work) at the doctoral level.

Stream 3: Advanced Social Work

Graduates are competent to work in community work, social and human services, educational institutions, civil service, public relations, police and correctional as well as commercial settings.

Tuition Fee:**Pay on credit unit basis****HK\$3,520 per credit for local students****HK\$4,030 per credit for non-local students**

Application Deadline:**31 March 2018 for local and non-local students**

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