

Master of Social Work

Programme Code:	MSW (P71)
Normal Duration:	2 Year (full-time) / 3 Years (part-time)
Maximum Study Period:	5 Years (full-time) / 7.5 Years (part-time)
Mode of Programme:	Combined†
Minimum No. of Credits Required:	Master's Degree --55
Medium of Instruction:	English

The MSW programme is a self-funded programme with the aim to train professionals qualifying for recognized social work qualification (RSW) at the Master's degree level. It aspires to train students becoming ethically-oriented social work practitioners being competent, reflective and good in professional practice.

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

- use appropriate knowledge, theories and demonstrate skills in social work in order to become competent and professional in their practice;
- reflect on their own practice so that they can intellectually construct, articulate and evaluate their own philosophy and practice in reference to social work values and ethics;
- demonstrate the ability to integrate theory in practice in an innovative way, discover and examine culturally relevant social work practice;
- evaluate professional activities and service programs, changing social needs and advocacy for appropriate welfare reforms and service delivery.

Programme Features

- 2 years for the full-time MSW degree, with 1 concurrent placement in Year 2 Semester A and 1 block fieldwork placement in Year 2 Semester B (maximum study period: 5 years). Concurrent fieldwork placement is conducted in 17 weeks with 3 days per week or 6 sessions whereas block fieldwork placement is conducted in 10 weeks with 5 days per week;
- 3 years for the part-time MSW degree to students taking two concurrent fieldwork placements in Year 2 and 3 Semester A & B respectively (maximum study period: 7.5 years). Concurrent fieldwork placement in the part-time study mode is conducted in 25 weeks with 2 days per week or 4 sessions per week;
- The MSW programme consists of 15 core courses amounting to 49 credits plus another 2 electives carrying 6 credits, making a total of 55 credit-units in the programme;
- 900 fieldwork training hours (800 hours direct fieldwork placements plus 100 hours placement preparation or related activities);
- Strengthening of the training in social work values and ethics, theories and practice to three courses emphasizing working with individuals and families, groups, community work and macro-level social work practice;
- Addition of human behavior and social environment course subject areas, and social sciences theories for social work to those students without a social sciences training background;
- Legal knowledge and perspectives for social workers; enhancing mental health training, practice-related electives and advocacy for social work students;
- Integrative Social Work Seminar to train students becoming competent, reflective and good in professional practice.

Programme Features

The curriculum of the year 1 of full-time 2 years mode and the year 2 and year 3 of part-time 3 years mode aspires to train students with ethical principles and foundations of social work practice, social work values, and professional ethics, theories and practice skills in working with individual and families, groups and community, social welfare policies, social welfare management, legal issues for social workers and social work research methods. The curriculum of the year 2 of full-time 2 years mode and the year 3 of part-time 3 years mode strives to equip students to have the required professional supervised fieldwork training hours and the 100-hour Practicum-related learning workshops, plus the study of Integrative Social Work Seminar and elective courses in practice-related social work practice settings: Assessment and Interventions in Mental Health Counselling, Empowerment-oriented practice with Socially Disadvantaged Groups, Cognitive-Behavioural Interventions, Group Counselling and Therapy, Psychopathology, Counselling Children and Youth, Working with Families in Transition, Domestic Violence: Prevention and Treatment, Counselling Older Adults. Students who (1) are non-social sciences graduates, or (2) have taken either psychology or sociology but not the other, are required to complete non-credit bearing Social Sciences Workshops SS5115 Social Sciences Theories for Social Work*. These workshops are to be run in an intensive mode on Saturday within first five weeks of the semester.

Core Courses (49 Credits)		Credit
SS5111	Social Welfare Policy System and Reforms in Hong Kong	3
SS5112	Social Welfare Management	3
SS5114	Legal Issues for the Social Worker	3
SS5117	Social Work as a Profession	3
SS5209	Social Work Theories & Practice I: Working with Individuals and Families	3
SS5210	Social Work Theories & Practice II: Working with Groups	3
SS5211	Social Work Theories & Practice III: Community Work and Macro-level Social Work Practice	3
SS5212	Human Behaviour and Diversity	3
SS5213	Social Work Research Methods	3
SS6219	Practicum Related Workshop I	1
SS6220	Practicum Related Workshop II	1
SS6221	Practicum Related Workshop III	1
SS6291	Fieldwork I	8
SS6292	Fieldwork II	8
SS6293	Integrative Social Work Seminar	3
Programme Electives (6 credits) take 2 out of 12		Credit
SS5110	Assessment and Interventions in Mental Health Counselling	3
SS5116	Empowerment-oriented Practice with Socially Disadvantaged Groups	3
SS5208	Cognitive-Behavioural Interventions	3
SS5214	Working with Families in Transition	3
SS5426	Social Problems in Contemporary Societies	3
SS5802	Group Counselling and Therapy	3
SS5803	Psychopathology	3
SS5805	Narrative-based Therapeutic Conversations: Theory and Practice	3
SS5821	Counselling Children and Youth	3
SS5824	Domestic Violence: Prevention and Treatment	3
SS5832	Counselling Older Adults	3
SS5835	Diversity and Inclusion in Workplace	3
Social Sciences Workshops		Credit
SS5115	Social Science Theory for Social Work*	0

* Social Sciences Workshops: Students are required to take non-credit bearing social sciences workshops SS5115 Social Sciences Theories for Social Work on Saturday (whole day) of the first 5 weeks of year 1 Semester A if they are non-social sciences graduates or have taken either psychology or sociology but not the other.

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; and
- ▲ pass an admission interview.

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.

Career Prospects

- ▲ Upon graduation, students are eligible to be a Registered Social Worker (RSW) in Hong Kong

Tuition Fee:

Pay on credit unit basis

HK\$4,030 per credit for non-local students

HK\$2,670 per credit for local students

Application Deadline:

18 December 2017 for non-local students

05 January 2018 for local students

(Applicants are processed on a rolling basis. Review of applications will start before the deadline and continue until all places are filled. Early applications are therefore strongly encouraged.)

Programme Email:

assmsw@cityu.edu.hk

Education Loan

Successful applicants are eligible to apply for education loan under the Government's Non-means Tested Loan Scheme. Application forms are obtainable from District Offices and the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA) of Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices.

Enquiries: 2150 6222

Website: www.sfaa.gov.hk

Application

You can submit online application at www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/tpg/admission

Application deadline may be extended depending on the number of applications received. However, priority will be given to the applicants who submit an application before the initial deadline.

Mode of Programme

† Combined mode: Local students taking programmes in combined mode can attend full-time (12-18 credit units per semester) or part-time (no more than 11 credit units per semester) study in different semesters without seeking approval from the University. For non-local students, they will be admitted to these programmes for either full-time or part-time studies. Non-local students must maintain the required credit load for their full-time or part-time studies and any changes will require approval from the University.

Information Seminar

Date: 9 December (Sat) 2017

Time: 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Venue: LT-5, 4/F, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building, City University of Hong Kong, Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon.

Seat Registration: ssteach2.cityu.edu.hk/~public/seminars

Enquiry

For academic matters

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