

# Department of Applied Social Sciences Research Degree Programmes

## Why Doctoral Study at Applied Social Sciences, CityU Hong Kong?

- ▲ An excellent hub in Asia, and a gateway to Mainland China
- ▲ Vibrant and progressive academic community
- ▲ Young university which strives to be included in the top 50 (QS Ranking 2017); Scholarly work most cited among universities in Hong Kong.
- ▲ Interdisciplinary with contribution from Applied Sociology, Counseling, Social Work, Criminology and Applied Psychology.

## Admission Requirements for PhD programme

- ▲ Be a current MPhil student in the University who seeks transfer to PhD candidature; or
- ▲ Hold a higher degree by research (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university; or
- ▲ Hold a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university; or
- ▲ Hold a Bachelor's degree with first class honours (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university.



## Research focus/expertise in the Department include:

1. Applied Sociology: Social organizations, crime and security, international political sociology, social theory, research methods, social policy and welfare, social problems and interventions, state and civil society, ethnicity, family, gender, labour, community and social development;
2. Psychology: Self concept, educational psychology, intimate relationship, stress and negative emotions, health psychology, positive ageing, creativity, idol worship, humor, aggression, resilience, human values;
3. Social Work: Casework, groupwork, community work; working with children, youth, elderly and family; family violence, empowerment-oriented practice with socially disadvantaged groups, conflict management and mediation, volunteerism, social work management and supervision;
4. Counselling: Cognitive behavioural therapy, narrative therapy, family therapy, parent education and support, marriage enrichment, client experience, psychotherapy process; and
5. Criminology: Restorative justice, youth justice, organized crime, juvenile delinquency, Chinese criminology, anti-corruption, policing, crime prevention, school bullying, gang and outreach youth work, cyber-crime.

## Exemplary Research Topics

### **Counselling**

- ▲ An Integrated Resilience Factors and Family Ecological Model of Child Abuse and Neglect

### **Criminology**

- ▲ Triad Society in Hong Kong: How triads establish social capital for organized crime operation?
- ▲ Governmentality and maintaining social stability in contemporary China

### **Psychology**

- ▲ Community well-being and mental health in urban older adults

### **Social Work**

- ▲ Advance Care Planning in Dementia.
- ▲ Adolescents' Help-Seeking Behaviour for Sexual Exploitation through Transactional Sex in Tanzania

### **Applied Sociology**

- ▲ Desistance from Crime
- ▲ Hong Kong in Heterogeneous Time: Reflections on Power Transition in Post-colonial Hong Kong (1997-2014)
- ▲ Social Capital as a Buffer against Individualization Impacts on Well-being in Older People
- ▲ Dancing with the wolves: a study of post-colonial statecraft in the Southern Shan State of Myanmar 1988-2012

## Application

Please refer to the the Research Degree Programmes Admissions Handbook issued by the Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies. For application period, procedures and on-line application, please visit <http://www.sgs.cityu.edu.hk/prospective/apply/procedures>.

For enquiries, please contact the Research Degree Committee via email at [ss.rdp@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:ss.rdp@cityu.edu.hk)

### **Important notes:**

- ▲ Applicants are required to discuss their proposed research areas with a faculty member of the Department before submitting an application. Please also state the name of the faculty member contacted under the relevant section of the application form.
- ▲ A research proposal with clear objectives and proposed methodology is required. The proposal should be around three pages and single-spaced, including a list of work cited. For details, please refer to Appendix 1 of the Admission Handbook.