

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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**Master of Social Sciences in the field of Clinical Psychology**

1. **The CLOSING DATE of application is 12:00 noon (GMT +8), 9 February 2024.**
2. Applications are invited for admission in September 2024 to the programme leading to the degree of Master of Social Sciences in Clinical Psychology. To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University admission requirements and the programme specific requirements as listed below:
  - (a) shall comply with the [General Regulations](#) and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
  - (b) shall hold a Bachelor's degree with a major in Psychology of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
  - (c) shall have demonstrated empirical research experience in the form of a dissertation completed in the Bachelor's degree programme or another equivalent programme in psychology, or first-authorship in published journal article;
  - (d) shall be eligible for the Graduate Membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society;
  - (e) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the following University English language requirement applicable to high degrees as prescribed under [General Regulation G2\(b\)](#);
  - (f) shall preferably have relevant working experience; and
  - (g) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. The curriculum shall extend over two academic years of full-time study and the intervening vacations, with a maximum period of registration of four academic years of full-time study. Candidates will have to spend considerable time during and between terms in clinical settings.
4. Applications for this taught postgraduate programme and payment of application fee (HK\$300 per application) should be made through the HKU on-line application system at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/>.
5. (a) Upon your submission of the online application, you will receive an email notification from the application system within 48 hours to upload the supporting document. Please upload all supporting document within one month starting from the date you receive the email notification, or by 23:59 on 16 February 2024, whichever is earlier:
  - Complete official transcript of undergraduate studies (and postgraduate studies, if any) (including studies undertaken in HKU)

- Graduate certificate of undergraduate studies (and postgraduate studies, if any) [Mainland China applicants should also provide “學士學位證書” or “中國高等教育學位在线驗證報告” & “教育部學歷證書電子註冊備案表”]
- TOEFL / IELTS / Overseas GCE / IGCSE / Cambridge Test of Proficiency in English Language official score report. [only required from those applicants with qualifications from institutions outside Hong Kong where the language of teaching and/or examination is not English]
- Proof of application for graduate membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society (must be a member by the start of semester in September 2023)
- A personal statement of no more than 1,200 words, covering the following areas:
  - (a) your personal background;
  - (b) your understanding of clinical psychology as a profession;
  - (c) the current status of clinical psychology in Hong Kong;
  - (d) your considered reasons for studying clinical psychology;
  - (e) your suitability for pursuing a career in clinical psychology, including strengths and weaknesses;
  - (f) your academic and professional goals after graduation; and
  - (g) how you intend to finance your studies, including an estimation of the total costs.

[Transcripts, diplomas, certificates and other submitted documents which are not in English should be accompanied by a certified translation in English. Certified translation may be provided by your home institution.]

- (b) [[e-Form](#)] Applicants are required to answer additional questions in this online form by **23:59, 16 February 2024**.

6. Each applicant is required to provide contact information of two referees (academic & professional) during the online application. The referees will then receive an email invitation to complete an online referee survey **within 4 weeks, or before 16 February 2024, whichever is earlier**.
7. Shortlisted applicants are required to submit original or certified true copies<sup>Note</sup> of the supporting documents if they are shortlisted for interview. Please note that all original copies will NOT be returned. Photocopies and scanned copies are NOT accepted. Shortlisted applicants will be informed by email on the details of submission.

If you are an overseas applicant, the copies of documents can be certified by the appropriate officials of your home institution.

Note:

A **certified true copy** is a copy of a primary document that has on it an endorsement or certificate that it is a true copy of the primary document. It should bear the seals of the authorised party and be signed by an appropriate official. The name, status or position of the person certifying the copies must be clearly stated in English.

An authorised party includes the transcript and graduation certificate issuing authority/department of your institution (e.g. the Registry), a lawyer, a notary public, a Consulate General etc. However, a certified accountant is not an authorised party.

In Hong Kong, a copy of document that has been duly declared **as a true copy of the original document** by the applicant before a Commissioner for Oaths at a Home Affairs Enquiry Centres in Hong Kong is also acceptable. You may find a declaration sample [here](#). For details of declaration, please refer to the [website of the Home Affairs Department](#).

8. We use multiple criteria in the selection of candidates. Among the criteria are: academic records, personal maturity and motivation, understanding of clinical psychology, clarity in the formulation of goals, and relevant work experience in the broad field of applied psychology. Decisions are based on multiple sources of information, including transcripts, test scores, and the personal statement.
9. All applicants who possess the basic qualifications necessary for admission will be considered by the Clinical Psychology Programme Admissions Committee. Shortlisted applicants may be invited for interviews by the Admissions Committee.
10. The Admissions Committee expects to make its final decisions around late April 2024.
11. Financial assistance is available for local full-time postgraduate students and enquiries should be made to the Student Financial Assistance Agency, 11/F & 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon or to the Office of Student Affairs.
12. The Regulations and Syllabuses for this programme can be viewed at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/>. Further information for this programme is available at <https://psychology.hku.hk/admission-master-of-social-sciences-in-the-field-of-clinical-psychology/>.
13. Please first read the [FAQ](#) of the TPg admission website for further details. For additional enquiries, please send an email to [msscp@hku.hk](mailto:msscp@hku.hk) and quote your full name in English and application number in the email. Please contact the Department of Psychology at 3917 5866 or [msscp@hku.hk](mailto:msscp@hku.hk) if you do not receive your application results by July 31 2024.

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