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# Master of Arts in Positive Psychology in Education



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## What is Positive Psychology?

- **Positive psychology** is the scientific study of positive subjective experiences, positive individual traits, and positive institutions that promote quality of life and prevent pathologies from occurring.

## What is Positive Education?

- **Positive education** is an approach that integrates evidence-based means of promoting character, life skills, and well-being with traditional education principles for academic learning.



# Special Features of MA(PPE)

- **One of the first in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region** to address the interplay between positive psychology and positive education
- **One of the first in Asia** to provide training in positive psychology and positive education
- Emphasises the **integration of theory and practice**
- Our programme offers credit-bearing training on **mental health first aid** by qualified instructor(s). Students who complete the training module, which is subject to quota, can become qualified mental health first aiders, with a Certificate issued by the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong

# Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

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

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**PILO<sub>1</sub>** **demonstrate** a comprehensive understanding of professional knowledge in positive psychology and positive education;

**PILO<sub>2</sub>** **utilise** major positive psychological theories/principles to identify and analyse factors influencing well-being through different perspectives;

**PILO<sub>3</sub>** **integrate** major theories/principles of positive psychology to innovatively and sensibly address real life issues and challenges in educational and community settings;

**PILO<sub>4</sub>** **evaluate** theoretical foundations and practical applications of positive psychology and positive education using rigorous scientific principles and ethical standards; and

**PILO<sub>5</sub>** **design and implement** professional, effective, and ethical positive psychology interventions and positive education programmes in local, regional, and global contexts.

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## **Participants**

- Bachelor degree holders, especially those who wish to build a career or pursue further studies in areas of psychology and education.

## **Medium of Instruction**

- The medium of instruction is English.

# Programme Structure

- The programme comprises **24 credit points (cps)**
  - **One year of full-time or Two years of part-time**
- Students are required to complete
  - **5 core courses and 3 elective courses** for graduation
  - Each course carries 3 cps
- Full-time students will attend 4 classes per week and part-time students will attend 2 classes per week. Classes in the same or different semester(s) may be scheduled on **weekday evenings** (6:30pm – 9:20pm), **weekends** and/or **during long holidays** at the Tai Po Campus / Tseung Kwan O Study Centre / North Point Study Centre / Kowloon Tong Satellite Study Centre and/or other locations as decided by the University.

# Courses

	Credit Points
<b>Core Courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Positive Psychology 正向心理學</li><li>Positive Education 正向教育</li><li>Positive Psychology Interventions 正向心理干預</li><li>Engagement, Meaning, and Happiness in Learning and Teaching 學習與教學的參與、意義和幸福感</li><li>Research Methods in Positive Psychology 正向心理學研究方法</li></ul>	15
<b>Elective courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mindfulness in Education 正念與教育</li><li>Parenting and Child Flourishing 親職與兒童心盛發展</li><li>Mental Health Support for Young People 青年精神健康支援</li><li>Capstone Project 統整項目</li><li>Cultural Perspectives on Well-being 幸福感的文化角度</li><li>Counselling and Guidance^ 諮商與輔導</li><li>Human Development across the Lifespan^ 人類發展心理學</li><li>Stress and Coping^ 壓力與處理</li><li>Interpersonal Communication Skills^ 人際關係的溝通技巧</li></ul>	9
<b>Total</b>	24

^ This is a cross-listed course with the Master of Social Sciences in Psychology (Schools and Community Settings) [MSocScP(SCS)] programme

# Courses

**Know theoretical foundations and practical applications in positive psychology and positive education**

- Positive Psychology
- Positive Education
- Positive Psychology Interventions
- Engagement, Meaning, and Happiness in Learning and Teaching

**Evaluate research evidence in positive psychology and positive education**

- Research Methods in Positive Psychology

**Diversify and extend the knowledge and skills in different contexts**

- Mindfulness in Education
- Parenting and Child Flourishing
- Mental Health Support for Young People
- Cultural Perspectives on Well-being
- Counselling and Guidance

**Develop, plan, and execute an individual inquiry-based project**

- Capstone Project

# Courses

Mode of Study	Year	Semester	Courses	Course Title
Full-time (4 courses per semester for 1 year)	1	I	4 Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive Psychology</li> <li>Positive Education</li> <li>Positive Psychology Interventions</li> <li>Research Methods in Positive Psychology</li> </ul>
			1 Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement, Meaning, and Happiness in Learning and Teaching</li> </ul>
		II	3 Elective	
Part-time (2 courses per semester, for 2 years)	1	I	2 Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive Psychology</li> <li>Positive Education</li> </ul>
			1 Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement, Meaning, and Happiness in Learning and Teaching</li> </ul>
		II	1 Elective	
	2	I	2 Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive Psychology Interventions</li> <li>Research Methods in Positive Psychology</li> </ul>
		II	2 Elective	

# Prospects

- Provide incremental values of professional development for:
  - **Principals, teachers**, teaching assistants, and programme coordinators in kindergarten, primary, and secondary **school settings**
  - **Counsellors and social workers** in school and community settings
  - **Project and liaison officers** in public organisations, private enterprises, advocacy and social policy groups, and community **agencies that provide children and youth services**
  - **Human resources** officers and managerial staff in public and private sections that provide training and support to staff
  - **Administrators** in government, academic institutions, and non-governmental **organisations that promote mental health among general public**
- Provide a strong foundation for further studies
  - to be a **researcher or practitioner** in areas of psychology and education

# General Admission Requirements

- Applicants should hold a recognised **Bachelor's degree**.
- Applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an **institution in a non-English speaking system** should normally fulfil one of the following minimum English proficiency requirements:
  - Overall score of IELTS 6.0 (academic version)#; or
  - TOEFL (internet-based test) #: Score of 80 (for tests taken before 21 January 2026) or Score of 4.0 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards); or
  - Band 6 in the College English Test (CET)# with a total score of 430; or
  - Grade C or above in GCSE / GCE OL English; or
  - Other equivalent qualifications

#The test should be **taken in test centres** and the result should be **valid within two years**. If you are applying for 2026/27 academic year, your IELTS / TOEFL / CET6 test must be obtained on or **after 1 January 2024**.

TOEFL Home Editions, TOEFL MyBest Score, IELTS Indicator, IELTS Online, IELTS One Skill Retake, Duolingo and National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (全國碩士 研究生招生考試) are NOT acceptable.

- Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an **interview** or complete an **written / oral test**.

# Tuition Fee

- **HK\$161,880** (provisional and subject to adjustment)
- Extension fees will be charged to students who have to extend their studies beyond the normal duration (i.e. 1 year for full-time and 2 years for part-time).

## Programme Information

- [www.eduhk.hk/mappe](http://www.eduhk.hk/mappe)

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