



Master of Social Sciences in Psychology (Schools and Community Settings)

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MSocScP(SCS)

- The MSocScP(SCS) is a **Taught** Postgraduate “**Conversion Programme**” aimed at bachelor degree holders who are seeking an English-language Masters qualification in Psychology
- Broad and deep introduction to all areas of Psychology; knowledge and skills to improve your current career and workplace (e.g. as teachers, school leaders or other education/community work professionals in various settings)
- Eligible to apply for the Graduate Membership of Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS)
- 2022/23 will be the 9th cohort of the MSocScP(SCS)

Special Features

- Foundational and advanced training in **all basic areas of psychology** (coverage equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in Psychology)
- **PLUS** a **special focus** on applications to learning and education
- Courses taught by award-winning teaching personnel and experts in the field
 - Experience lecturers, AND
 - Prolific scholars

Special Features

- Diverse student composition:
 - Full-time or part-time students who
 - May aim at further study and/or immediate application;
 - Are teachers, sport coaches, medical practitioners, full-time parents, business owners, social workers, school SEN supporters or counsellors, etc.
- For applicants who had not taken the prerequisite Introductory Psychology course, a **self-financed, online “Bridging Course” is offered**
 - The Bridging Course offered in 2022 will be an intensive introductory self-learning psychology course offered in June and July
 - Final quiz held in late July

Prospects

- **Building Careers**

- Teaching, management, marketing and research etc.

- **Preparation for Further Studies**

- Master degrees in Educational Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Counselling Psychology, Industrial and Organizational Psychology; MPhil, PhD, Doctor of Education programmes in Hong Kong and overseas

- **Student Achievements**

- Published research papers in psychology journals (e.g. Instructional Science etc.)
- Presented papers in conferences (e.g. International Conference on Teaching and Education Sciences, The Hong Kong Psychological Society Annual Conference etc.)
- Successfully graduated from further studies to become Psychologists and Therapists

Graduates' Words



After working as a frontline teacher, I wanted to study psychology to gain a deeper understanding of how our brains learn and to examine ways of increasing our ability to comprehend and retain knowledge. This programme has equipped me with a well-rounded background knowledge of psychology as well as research skills to pursue professional training in educational psychology.

Miss Elaine Tang, Educational Psychologist
Alumnus of MSocScP(SCS)



Programme Length

	Normative study period	Maximum study period
Full-time mode	1 year (4 courses per semester)	2 years
Part-time mode	2 years (2 courses per semester)	4 years

- **Extension fee** will be charged to students who need to extend their studies beyond the normal study period
- Students **MUST** graduate within the programme's maximum study period; includes leaves of absence and repeating failed courses

Programme Structure & Schedule

- 8 core courses, **plus** a Research Project and 2 elective courses **OR** 4 elective courses (36 credits in total)
- Courses offered on **weekday evenings** (6:30pm-9:20pm) and/or **Saturdays** (end before 6:30pm)
- **3 semesters** per year
 - Semester 1 (Sep - Dec)
 - Semester 2a (Jan - Apr)
 - Semester 2b (Apr - Jul)
- Medium of instruction is **English**
- Recognition of prior learning (limited)
 - Students who have taken equivalent courses before (at the postgraduate level; with good marks) may apply for credit transfer up to 50% of credits

Programme Structure#

(See www.eduhk.hk/msocscp for course descriptions)

8 Core Courses (24 cps)

- Abnormal Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Human Development across the Lifespan
- Personality Psychology
- Research Methods in Psychological Studies
- Social Psychology
- Statistical Methods in Psychological Studies

+ 12cps Elective Courses

- Research Project in Psychological Studies (6 cps)
- Educational Psychology (3 cps)
- Interpersonal Communication Skills (3 cps)
- Learning Theories & Processes (3 cps)
- Stress and Coping (3 cps)

Any aspect of the course and course offerings (including, without limitation, the content of the Course and the manner in which the Course is taught) may be subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of the University. Without limiting the right of the University to amend the course and its course offerings, it is envisaged that changes may be required due to factors such as staffing, enrolment levels, logistical arrangements and curriculum changes.

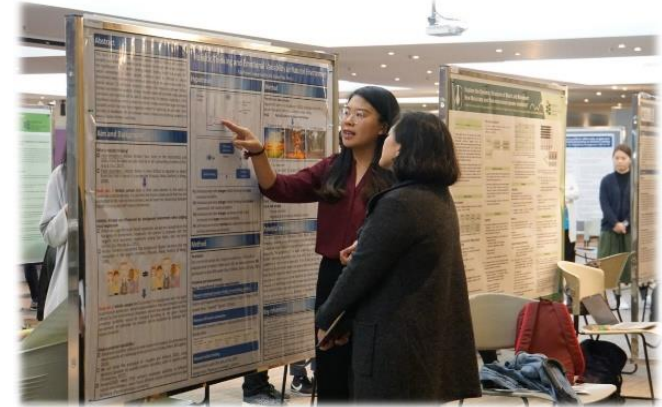
Elective Courses: Option 1

- **Option 1: 6-credit Research Project plus two 3-credit elective courses**
 - Aimed at students who wish to go on for further research-oriented study (e.g. MPhil, EP, CP), who wish to carry out independent research
 - Research Project:
 - Lasting for about 8 months, starting from December to July
 - Directed study mode (individual supervision)
 - Choice of supervisors (self-nominated 4 choices, supervision assignment will be made based on students' and supervisors' research interest and supervisors' teaching load)
 - Design one's own research study; write a proposal, collect data, analyze data
 - Graded on 2 poster presentations (proposal; results) & thesis (5,000-8,000 words; 50+ references)

Elective Courses: Option 2

- **Option 2: Four 3-credit elective courses**
 - Aimed at students who aim to apply psychological theories and research to school and community settings
 - ***Also qualifies graduates for HKPS graduate membership***
 - The elective courses include:
 - Educational Psychology
 - Interpersonal Communication Skills
 - Learning Theories & Processes
 - Stress and Coping

Research Project – Poster Presentations



Psychological and Behavioral Sciences Laboratory

心理及行為科學實驗室 (D4-LP-04)



Site Visits to Schools and Community Settings



Adventure-based Counselling
in an outdoor training centre



Role of an EP in a mainstream sec. school



Guidance work in a
mainstream primary school



Alternative Education in a
private primary school



Intervention strategies
in a community centre

Courses offered in 2022-23*:

Year	Month	Sem	Course	credits
2022	Sep-Dec	1	PSY6002 Human Development across the Lifespan	3
			PSY6003 Research Methods in Psychological Studies	3
			PSY6006 Statistical Methods in Psychological Studies	3
			PSY6007 Social Psychology	3
2023	Jan-Apr	2a	PSY6004 Personality Psychology	3
			PSY6008 Cognitive Psychology	3
			PSY6011 Research Project in Psychological Studies	(6)
			PSY6012 Educational Psychology	3
			PSY6056 Stress and Coping	3
	Apr-Jul	2b	PSY6001 Biological Psychology	3
			PSY6005 Abnormal Psychology	3
			PSY6010 Learning Theories and Processes	3
			PSY6011 Research Project in Psychological Studies	(6)
			PSY6055 Interpersonal Communication Skills	3

* Subject to change

Bold = Relatively more difficult content

Red = Pre-requisite of the Research Project (+ 2 more core courses)

 = Elective courses

Example timetable (Sem 1, 2021/22)

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Course Schedule - Semester 1, 2021/22

(6 Sep 2021 - 11 Dec 2021)

Course	Day	Time	CRN
PSY6002 Human Development across the Lifespan	Tuesday	1830 - 2120	86288
PSY6003 Research Methods in Psychological Studies	Friday	1830 - 2120	86289
PSY6006 Statistical Methods in Psychological Studies	Monday	1830 - 2120	86291 (01E) 86292 (02E)
PSY6007 Social Psychology	Thursday	1830 - 2120	86290

September

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3	4
1	5	6 PSY6006	7 PSY6002	8	9 PSY6007	10 PSY6003	11
2	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
4	26	27	28	29	30		

Tuition Fee

- **Tuition fee for 2022/23 cohort**
 - \$3,750/credit (\$135,000 in total)
 - 3-credit bridging course for additional charge
- **10% extension fee** will be charged per semester for those who study beyond the normal study period
- Non-local students are recommended to budget an additional \$7,000-\$12,000/month for living expenses

Transportation

- Face-to-Face Classes are held at the **Tai Po campus**
- Accessible by private EdUHK shuttle bus to/from University MTR station
 - **Frequent shuttles** run every 10-15 minutes
 - Take ~20 minutes to reach campus
 - Need Student ID to board

Admission Requirements

- A recognized **Bachelor's degree** with good GPA
- **If language of instruction of previous degree(s) was not English**, applicants should fulfill one of the following minimum English proficiency requirements:
 - IELTS 6.0; or
 - Grade C or above in GCSE / GCE OL English; or
 - A TOEFL score of 80 (internet-based test); or
 - Other equivalent qualifications*

** The College English Test (CET) is **not accepted** as an equivalent qualification.*
- **Completed an Introductory Psychology course** at a recognized tertiary institution; **if not, students are required to take the self-financed online summer Bridging Course in June (final exam: late July)**

Why take our programme?

You wish to learn about all major areas of psychology in-depth

You want to improve your life, relationships, and workplace with more knowledge about how our minds work

You wish to learn new writing, thinking, and research skills to improve your career and life

You wish to apply for the membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society or the British Psychological Society

You would like to change careers to become a psychologist, pursuing further education after the MSocScP(SCS)

You wish to learn from our respected researcher-teachers, with warm-hearted classmates, and in an academic home (EdUHK) that loves education!

Applications and Contact

- Apply online
- Visit our programme and department website to learn more about us
 - Programme website: www.eduhk.hk/msocscp
 - Department website: www.eduhk.hk/ps/
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Q&A

Please visit www.eduhk.hk/msocscp to learn more.

We look forward to your application!
Extended application deadline: 31 Mar 2022