

# Chapter 10 Academic Support Services

## 1. Centre for Learning, Teaching and Technology

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The Centre is an academic and professional supporting unit at the University. It aims to enhance student learning outcomes by applying digital technology to support the development of e-Learning and digital competency, innovation of learning and teaching, and the improvement and innovation of assessment at the University.

The Centre provides a range of services for students, including:

1 E-Learning and Digital Competency Development, and ePortfolio Workshops

LTTC offers various workshops on e-Learning and digital competency development, and ePortfolio building to students. The Centre also co-organises workshops with faculties and departments on the use of other e-Learning tools and related pedagogical strategies in support of the University's implementation of e-Learning and Digital Competency Strategy. Students are welcome to enrol in the workshops by visiting the LTTC website.

2 User Guides in e-Learning and ePortfolio Platforms

LTTC has developed various online user guides for Moodle, Sway and Google Sites to support students. Students are welcome to get the related self-learning materials from the LTTC website.

3 Generic Intended Learning Outcomes (GILOs)

LTTC administers a self-assessment questionnaire for measuring students' self-perceived achievement on GILOs. Students will receive an individual report which helps them to write reflection and set learning goals through ePortfolios. LTTC also provides insights for students to connect GILOs to their learning and teaching.

4 Coding Education Unit

The Coding Education Unit of LTTC supports the digital competency development by offering courses, seminars, workshops and other learning and teaching activities on coding, 3D printing, STEM/STEAM education, robotics education, literacy of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and more. To provide quality environment for students to learn and create, the laboratories are well-equipped with high-performance computers, various mobile digital devices and 3D printers. All students are welcome to enrol in the courses, seminars and workshops by visiting the LTTC website.

For details, please refer to the LTTC website (<https://www.eduhk.hk/lttc>).

## 2. Library

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The EdUHK Library comprises Mong Man Wai Library (MMW Library) on Tai Po Campus and Tseung Kwan O Study Centre Library (TKOSC Library) in Tseung Kwan O, offering a full range of information resources and services in various formats. State-of-the-art facilities are provided by the Library, including over 380 public PCs, Mini Theatre, EI Hub, 3D and large format printers, professional and consumer level 360 cameras, laser cutting and engraving machines, 3D/HD/4K video viewing and production equipment, VR and AR production facilities, high speed Wi-Fi, notebook computers, e-book readers, Octopus-operated photocopiers and laser printers, language learning stations, as well as group and individual study spaces. Eight Future Classrooms inside MMW Library, namely Creative Lab, Creative Arts Room, Future Early Childhood & Primary Classroom, Future Primary & Secondary Classroom, Special Education Room, e-Learning Studio, Extended Reality Room and STEM Room are also set up and tailored for future pedagogical models and needs, as well as developments in the IT industry. MMW Library is fully integrated with the University's Learning Commons, providing a comfortable and inviting environment which is conducive to both individual and collaborative learning on a 24-hour basis. In addition to library resources provided on campus, members of the University can also access other university libraries as well as their resources through the library's various collaboration programmes, including JULAC cards, HKALL, Inter-library Loans and RAPID Document Delivery service.

The University Library is IT-based, providing members of the University 24-hour access to various electronic collections on the World Wide Web via either desktop or mobile platforms. All library activities and operations, including library catalogue, renewal and reservation of library materials etc. are available to users via the Library System. The Library has developed the EdUHK Research Repository which indexes and provides full-text access, if available, to the research outputs of our academic staff and postgraduate students. Another two databases,

Hong Kong Education Bibliographic Database and Hong Kong Education Image Database (in collaboration with Hong Kong Museum of Education), have been developed by the Library to allow the public to access bibliographic information on research of education in Hong Kong as well as images of artefacts from the collections of Hong Kong Education Museum respectively. With permissions from major local TV stations, the Library has also digitized selected TV programmes in its EdVideo system, which is accessible by all staff and students via the Internet.

All functions of the library catalogue, EdUHK Research Repository, Hong Kong Education Bibliographic Database, Hong Kong Education Image Database, EdVideo, major library full-text and citation databases, e-books and e-journals, as well as essential and latest library information are available to staff and students of the University on the Library Website (<https://www.lib.eduhk.hk>). The Library Website also provides a detailed description of library services and the most updated Library Regulations (see also Chapter 4.3 of this Handbook). It is essential for all users of library to follow these regulations.

You are also reminded that unauthorized copying in any way of any materials or data constitutes infringements of intellectual property rights. Copying done on the self-operated photocopiers should be in conformity with the Copyright Ordinance. The University will not be responsible for any legal consequences arising from the breach of copyright made by individuals. The updated full-text of the Copyright Ordinance (Chapter 528, Laws of Hong Kong) is available at the HKSAR Government's Hong Kong e-Legislation (HKeL) (<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/>).

For details of opening hours of the libraries, please refer to the Library Website at (<https://www.lib.eduhk.hk>).

### **3. Office of the Chief Information Officer**

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The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is committed to providing quality ICT services and solutions to support and enhance learning, teaching, research and administration to the University community in alignment with its IT service strategies in infrastructure, data, application, user experience, security and governance.

Most of the University's ICT services are provided in conjunction with the high-speed campus network with Gigabit link to end points or desktops in all classrooms and offices. In addition, ubiquitous Wi-Fi access points are provided to cover all classrooms, public areas on campus, department offices and student hostels. Students can join free Wi-Fi access off campus via CSL and Y5Zone Wi-Fi hotspots in town, and at other local and overseas universities using "eduroam". The University is also a member of the Hongkong Academic and Research

NETwork (HARNET) which is shared by eight local universities via high speed connectivity to the rest of the world. This allows all member institutions to exploit the facility to collaborate in research by resource sharing and resilience support.

As a central data repository, The Portal serves as a one-stop shop for self-service information and 7x24 support for students of the University community. Professional support and administration for the University website, departmental websites, and various content management systems are also offered.

Applications for both end-to-end administrative solutions and academic support are provided and maintained by OCIO in collaboration with relevant learning and teaching departments. The e-student information system (e-SIS) supports the whole life cycle of student administration from admission, programme registration, course registration, academic advising and assessment, to graduation and student records. Students can also enjoy automated hostel application, education job recruitment and sports facilities booking online, to name a few.

OCIO supports the online Learning Management System (LMS) for e-Learning and manages the University's learning environment which comprises classrooms, lecture theatres, computer laboratories and a Photo and Video Studio at the Learning Commons. OCIO is also responsible for the provision of printing services, student e-mail which can be protected by two-factor authentication and campus unified communication and collaboration system.

At the IT Help Desk at the Learning Commons, a number of notebooks and a wide range of audio-visual equipment are available for loan. OCIO also provide a good collection of software packages including Office suite, creative design suite, cloud-based conferencing and collaboration, courseware development, statistical analysis, and other discipline-specific applications for students and staff.

While we treasure the privacy and rights of individuals, all students are obliged to observe the acceptable standards of computer user behaviour detailed at Computing Policies and Regulations on the OCIO website (<https://www.eduhk.hk/ocio/>).

Students can always email us at [helpdesk@ocio.eduhk.hk](mailto:helpdesk@ocio.eduhk.hk) or call our hotline, 2948 6601, for assistance. There is a 24-hour voice recording system for users to leave messages after office hours or when the line is busy. Our colleagues will respond as soon as possible. Students can also report IT related problems/incidents online using the LANDesk self-service (<https://landesk.eduhk.hk>) anywhere anytime.

For more information, please visit the OCIO website (<https://www.eduhk.hk/ocio/>).

## 4. School Partnership and Field Experience Office

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The School Partnership and Field Experience Office (SPFEO) is to support, coordinate and strengthen the policies and practices in school partnership, mentorship and field experience at the University level. The Office establishes and maintains mutually beneficial partnership with schools through actively supporting them in building a mentoring force and enhancing teachers' professional development.

The major roles and responsibilities of the Office are as follows:

- 1 to establish partnership with a network of schools and related organisations (such as School Sponsoring Bodies, universities) both locally and internationally to support student teachers in their field experience;
- 2 to work with teaching staff of the University, and principals and supporting teachers in the partnership schools to provide an environment conducive to learning for both student teachers and supporting teachers;
- 3 to support and coordinate the ongoing work in the University related to partnership, mentoring and field experience;
- 4 to undertake and support research and development related to partnership, mentoring and field experience;
- 5 to develop resources and activities designed to support the work of field experience supervisors and supporting teachers;
- 6 to assist in both the development and implementation of policies related to field experience and partnership; and
- 7 to contribute to teaching and support student teachers in formal and non-formal field experience learning.

For details, please refer to the website (<https://www.eduhk.hk/spfeo>).