



HKU
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Department of Social Work and Social Administration
The University of Hong Kong

香港大學社會工作及社會行政學系



Bachelor of Social Work

INTERNATIONALISATION
INTERDISCIPLINARY
INNOVATION

ACCREDITATION

Our programme is
accredited by the Hong
Kong Social Workers
Registration Board.
Graduates are eligible to
apply for registration as
Registered Social
Workers (RSW).

**Social Work is a
PROFESSION that
can change your life,
others' lives,
and the world.**



GLOBAL DEFINITION OF SOCIAL WORK

Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing. The above definition may be amplified at national and/or regional levels. (International Federation of Social Workers, 2014)



PROGRAMME FEATURES

We provide rigorous professional social work training for our students from the first semester of their Year I study.



- Introduction to social work
 - Social welfare system and social policy
 - Human behaviour and the social environment I
 - Reflective practitioner
- Foundation of social work practice – Casework, Group Work and Community Development
 - Human behaviour and the social environment II
 - Research on social work practice I
 - Academic and professional literacies in social work
- Social work practice laboratory I & II
 - Research on social work practice II
 - Law and social administration
 - Fieldwork placement I
- Advanced social work practice I & II
 - Management in human service organizations
 - Fieldwork placement II

INTENSIVE PRACTICE LABORATORY

- Whole-year small group training
- In-house skills teaching and demonstration
- On-site field project implementation

FIELDWORK PLACEMENT

- A team of experienced full-time supervisors
- Most extensive coverage of countries in overseas placement
- The largest no. of students undertaking overseas placement

PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING

- Evidence-based and theory-driven learning to nurture life-long learners
- Enhancement of competence in integrating different approaches flexibly

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

FREE ELECTIVES
36 credits

**LANGUAGE & AI
ENHANCEMENT COURSES**
18 credits

PROFESSIONAL CORE
150 credits

**COMMON CORE
COURSES**
36 credits

FIELDWORK PLACEMENT

Objectives

Fieldwork placement provides opportunities for students to:

- Apply learned social work theories, values and skills into practice
- Develop positive work ethics and professional competency
- Enhance their self-understanding and explore potentials

Our Strengths

- Strong academic and professional support from experienced fieldwork and agency supervisors
- Systematic enrichment through organizational visits, trainings and student sharing by setting
- Ample overseas placement opportunities in Europe, North America, and Mainland China

Our Placement Settings

- Family, Youth, School, Elderly, Medical, Rehabilitation, Community Development, Multicultural Social Work

Course Modules

- Summer Block and Concurrent Placements (450 hours x 2)

OVERSEAS FIELDWORK PLACEMENT

Objectives

Overseas fieldwork placement provides opportunities for students to:

- Broaden exposure to different cultures and welfare system
- Take up challenges to widen horizons and gain valuable life experience
- Engage cross-cultural exchange and improve language proficiency
- Widen career opportunities

Our placement footprints have been left all over the world, including: Australia, Canada, India, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, U.K., U.S.A. etc.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURES

Finland Study Tour — Learning without Boundaries

Students from around the world can explore social work and social welfare system from a global perspective through lectures, small group discussions, agency visits, cultural events, and field trips during the tour.

Overseas Exchange—Being a global citizen

There is a wide range of exchange programmes with universities around the world for students to broaden their cultural exposures:

- Office of International Affairs Office (IAO) — HKU Worldwide Undergraduate Student Exchange Programme (HKUWW)
- Faculty of Social Sciences — FOSS Faculty-level Exchange Programme

CAREER PROSPECT

Graduates can start their career as ASSISTANT SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (ASWO) of the Social Welfare Department with starting salary over HK\$35,000.

CAREER GUIDANCE

The Department provides professional support and resources to help our students fully recognize their potential and give them advice in identifying career paths.

- Interview skills workshops
- Mock interviews
- Alumni sharing sessions
- Recruitment talks

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

JUPAS APPLICANTS

Minimum Programme Entrance Requirements:

English Language: Level 3

Chinese Language: Level 3

Mathematics: Level 2

Elective Subjects:

Level 3 in two subjects

CSD: Attained

NON-JUPAS APPLICANTS

Students holding non-HKDSE qualifications are considered individually. For details, please refer to HKU Undergraduate Admissions website at:

<https://admissions.hku.hk>.

Applicants choosing our programme in Band A are usually invited to interview once from May to July.



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