THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Social Sciences in the field of Clinical Psychology

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2018 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 had an empirical research dissertation completed in the Bachelor’s degree programme or another equivalent programme in psychology;
(d) 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)*;
(e) for a candidate who is holder of a first degree from an institution outside of Hong Kong are required to take the Graduate Record Examinations (General Test), and arrange to have the results sent to the Department of Psychology (Attn: Admissions Advisor, MSocSc (Clinical Psychology)), HKU. For further information, please visit the ETS website (http://www.ets.org/). Applicants are responsible for verifying the information on registration and test dates; and
(f)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.


2. 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.

3. 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 http://www.hku.hk/tpg/. Please provide academic transcript including those undertaken in the University of Hong Kong.
4. A personal statement should be sent in with the application form. Please give below a typewritten personal statement of no more than 1200 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.

5. Each applicant is also required to request two academic referees to write a report and forward the report direct in a sealed envelope to the Admissions Advisor, MSocSc (Clinical Psychology), Department of Psychology, The University of Hong Kong. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the referees’ reports reach the University not later than one week after the closing date of application.

6. The closing date of application is 12:00 noon, February 9, 2018.

7. We use multiple criteria in the selection of candidates. Among the criteria are: academic records (e.g., honours degree in psychology, GPA) and aptitude (e.g., GRE scores for overseas graduates), 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.

8. 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.

9. The Admissions Committee expects to make its final decisions around May 2018.

10. 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.

11. The Regulations and Syllabuses for this programme can be viewed at http://www.hku.hk/tpg/. Further information for this programme is available at http://www.psychology.hku.hk/~main/?page_id=1830.

12. For enquiries, please contact the Department of Psychology at 3917 5866 or cwfung@hku.hk if they do not receive their application results by July 31,2018.

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