College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Department of Applied Social Sciences
Program Aims and Objectives

Equip degree-level graduates with broad knowledge of criminology and sociological practice; and with professional competence to conduct sociological research to solve problems in organizational, community, societal, national, and international contexts with a particular interest in protecting the public and maintaining Hong Kong's status as one of the safest cities in the world.

Program Structure

Bachelor of Social Sciences in Criminology and Sociology

University, College, and Departmental requirements

Common core courses in both Criminology and Applied Sociology

Criminology Stream

Appled Sociology Stream

Criminology core courses

Applied Sociology core courses

Program Features / Curriculum Highlight

- Summer internships in local or overseas institutions
- Research project
- Joint bachelor’s program with Columbia University (Applied Sociology Stream)
- Exchange programs with universities overseas

Activities / Learning Support

- Project X
- Student advising and mentoring
- Study tour

Career Prospect / Graduate Career Outlook

Government agencies (e.g. the Hong Kong Police Force, the Correctional Services Department, Customs and Excise Department, the Immigration Department, and the Fire Services), schools and universities, non-governmental organisations, security or risk management departments in private companies, research institutes and marketing research firms, media industries, and public relations firms.
Program Aims and Objectives

Provide students with a comprehensive training in psychology, with emphasis on research competence in the study of human behaviour, for further advancement in professional practice in human and social behavioural services.

Program Features / Curriculum Highlight

- Lab-based training (Psychology Laboratories)
- Summer internships in or outside Hong Kong
- Individual psychology research project
- Joint bachelor’s program with Columbia University
- Exchange programs with universities overseas
- Eligible to apply for graduate membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society

Psychology Laboratories

Virtual Reality System

BSL Psychophysiology & Neurophysiology System MP36

ASL EYE-TRAC 6

Play Room

Activities / Learning Support

- Project X
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Career Prospect / Graduate Career Outlook

Professional psychologists; People-oriented jobs; Jobs requiring strong research and analytical skills.
Program Aims and Objectives
Equip students to pursue a professional career that serves people in need and contributes to social changes and reform. Students will receive foundation training in social sciences and explore what social workers do before undergoing rigorous theoretical and practical training in social work in the classroom and in two fieldwork practicums.

Career
Upon graduation, students will acquire the competence to practice as a professionally qualified social worker (e.g. in social services agencies, schools and health care institutions); work in the field of human resources (e.g. customer service and staff training); or pursue further studies in social work or related fields.

Professional Qualification
Graduates from the program are qualified to register with the Social Workers Registration Board as Registered Social Workers (RSW), which is an internationally recognized professional qualification.

Who Should Apply?
Students who have leadership, social awareness, commitment to individual and social advancement, maturity and with volunteer service experiences. Major admission will be based on (1) a personal statement; and (2) an interview held by the Department.

What Will You Be Studying?
Bachelor of Social Sciences in Social Work

Bonus Features

- HSBC Social Work Scholarship for students with outstanding performance.
- Chance to study at the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Houston for a semester with scholarship.
- Rich array of co-curricular activities and opportunities, e.g., out-of-class activities, summer internships, research and action learning projects.
- Minor studies, such as psychology, criminology, offered within and other disciplines outside the Department.

Did You Know?

- Outstanding graduates: Seven of our Social Work graduates won Outstanding Social Workers Award, of which four of them were winners of Junior Outstanding Social Workers.
- Great teachers: Seven serving social work teachers have received CityU Teaching Excellence Awards, one of them received the award twice, and two have received the University Grant Council Teaching Excellence Award.
Teaching Excellence

We strive for teaching excellence, focusing on the growth of the students in both academic and personal levels. In particular, Professor Alice Chong Ming-lin and Dr Elaine Liu Suk-ching have recently received the prestigious Teaching Award from the University Grants Committee (UGC) in recognition of their outstanding teaching performance and achievements.

Unique International Education

Through the Joint Bachelor’s Degree Program between City University of Hong Kong (CityU) and Columbia University (ColumbiaU), Psychology and Applied Sociology students who complete the undergraduate curricula of both CityU and ColumbiaU will earn two bachelor’s degrees—one from each university. To learn more about this program, visit gs.columbia.edu/cityu-hk

Learning through Discoveries

With the Discovery-enriched curriculum (DEC), students are motivated to discover, innovate and create. In 2017, our College has awarded 8 of our students the DEC Awards for their original discovery and creativity.
Learning Excellence – Project X

‘Project X’ has been specially designed to enhance students’ ownership in learning and to facilitate their adjustment to university life. Experiential learning activities are organized, including skills-based workshops, knowledge transfer community, student advising, major-specific training camps, peer network scheme, job fair and discovery-oriented community awareness projects, aiming at helping students become life-long learners, competent future job candidates and community contributors.

Passionate Students

In 2017, the HSBC Social Work Scholarships Scheme awarded 10 social work students to recognize their dedication to the social work profession.

Entrance Requirement (JS1101)

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