THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

To: All new taught postgraduate Social Sciences students

Notes for New Social Sciences TPg Students

I am pleased to welcome you to the Faculty of Social Sciences. I hope you will find the upcoming year(s) at HKU both intellectually stimulating and academically rewarding.

You are required to complete the online Master Registration upon your admission to the University. The computer account details to facilitate your master registration will be sent to you by email from August 8, 2025 onwards and the set of application documents and materials have been uploaded to the Faculty TPg Orientation website at https://web.socsc.hku.hk/TPg-orientation for your reference and necessary action. You are advised to read through the documents and follow the submission due dates of the documents to the Faculty Office and other offices concerned.

Registration Procedures and Documents

To ensure timely processing of your registration, you are required to complete the online Master Registration at https://hkuportal.hku.hk/login.html by using your computer account login provided and follow all the procedures laid down on "Registration Procedures for Taught Postgraduate First-year Students" (Annex I). Failure to complete the registration online and/or to submit the relevant documents by the stipulated deadlines may result in non-issuance of your Student Registration Card.

Important Notes for Students Using a Visa to Study[1] in Hong Kong

According to the Hong Kong Immigration Department, all visitors who do not have a right of abode in Hong Kong are required to apply for a student visa for study. Pursuing study without a valid visa constitutes a breach of the law.

You are required to submit a recent photo and identity document(s) online for processing of the Student Registration Card. After your student card has been printed, you will receive a reminder email prompting you to upload your visa and landing slip, and to enter your visa expiry date via the HKU Portal. A Student Card Collection Email will only be issued after you have completed all of these steps. Please note that your student status at HKU will only be confirmed once all required documents, including student visa, landing slip, and visa expiry date, have been successfully submitted through the HKU Portal.

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[1] Students studying in Hong Kong on a visa are defined as holders of the following documents issued by the HKSAR Immigration Department: a) Dependent VISA/entry permit; b) Full-time employment VISA/work permit; c) Student VISA/entry permit; d) VISA/entry permit for Capital Investment Entrant Scheme; e) VISA/ entry permit for Top Talent Pass Scheme; f) VISA/entry permit for Quality Migrant Admission Scheme; or g) VISA/entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG). Alternatively, students without any LS1-9 documents, as per ASE guideline, are also considered to be studying on a visa.

HKU Email Account for University Communications

The University will disseminate important information and notices to students via the HKU Portal and the HKU email account, rather than personal email account. You are therefore reminded to check your HKU email account regularly or contact the Faculty Office for the most updated information regarding registration and related activities.

Regulations and Syllabuses

The Regulations and Syllabuses provide detailed information on the programme requirements and curriculum for your course of study. You are required to familiarise yourself with the Regulations and Syllabuses before the commencement of your studies. The 2025-2026 programme regulations and syllabuses are available online at the Faculty TPg Orientation website.

Dates of Semesters

The first semester of the 2025-2026 academic year will begin on September 1, 2025 (Monday). For key academic dates, please refer to "Dates of Semesters of the Taught Postgraduate Programmes" (Annex II).

Course Selection

You are required to complete the course selection for both the first and second semesters via the HKU Portal within the course selection period specified below:

Programmes	All programmes except for Group A and B	Group A MExpArtsTh, MSocSc(BH), MSocSc(Counsel), MSocSc(Crim), MSocSc(Geron), MSocSc(MCCC), MSocSc(MH), MSocSc(NPM), MSocSc(Pop&PA), MScoSc(SDA), MSocSc(Sociology), MSocSc(SSM), MSW	Group B MSocSc(SLG)
Start date and time	August 18, 2025 (Monday) 9:00 am		
End date and time	September 11, 2025 (Thursday) 4:00 pm	September 12, 2025 (Friday) 4:00 pm	September 15, 2025 (Monday) 4:00 pm

The Faculty kindly reminds you to plan ahead by referring to the Regulations and Syllabuses and to select your courses within the stipulated period. Please note that course

enrolment requests made after the designated timeframe are generally not accommodated. You may approach the respective Programme Offices for course details at the beginning of the semester.

Orientation Activities

Before the beginning of the academic year, Programme Offices will organise orientation activities or induction programmes to welcome new students. You may approach the respective Programme Offices for further details.
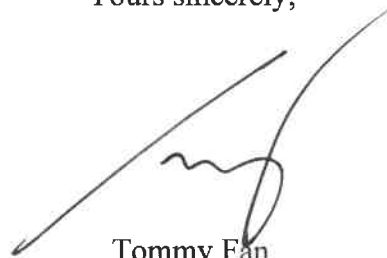
Information Technology Services Guide

For details of the services provided by the Information Technology Services, please refer to https://www.its.hku.hk/.

Enquiries

If you have any questions regarding your studies, you are welcome to contact the Programme Administrators of the respective Programme Offices by email as stated in the welcoming email. The Faculty Office is pleased to assist you whenever possible.

Yours sincerely,

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