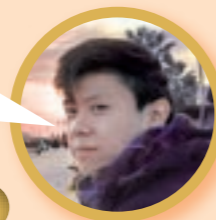


Students' Voices

"Studying for my MSW at HKU has been a transformative journey of self-discovery and professional growth. The programme offers diverse electives aligned with students' interests, along with guidance from experienced teachers and supervisors, fostering essential social work values and practical skills. My overseas placement in Australia with support from the department prompted my reflections on social services and policies in Hong Kong."

Terry Tsang | MSW Full-time Graduate



"I extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated faculty, supervisors, and staff who fostered a supportive and student-centered learning environment. The MSW programme offered comprehensive coursework, practical placements, and invaluable guided supervision that emphasizes self-reflection have enabled me to align my practice with professional social work values. The transformative experiences have been instrumental in shaping my career and personal growth."

Irene Wong | MSW Part-time Graduate



"My MSW journey was deeply rewarding. The programme offers comprehensive courses and diverse learning opportunities, including valuable placements, guided by dedicated and experienced faculty and supervisors. It provided me with a solid knowledge base and meaningful applied experience for effective professional practice. The atmosphere was collaborative and supportive, fostering lasting peer and mentor connections invaluable for personal and professional growth."

Isaac Wong | MSW Part-time Graduate



"The MSW program has been a fulfilling journey marked by self-discovery and professional growth for me. Through coursework, skill labs, and fieldwork, I have deepened my professional knowledge and practical skills while embodying the core values of the profession, which have undoubtedly prepared me as a more competent future social worker. I feel more equipped and confident to face future challenges in the field after my studies."

Iris Wong | MSW Part-time Graduate



"Studying in the MSW program at HKU has been a profoundly enriching and rewarding experience. The comprehensive coursework and structured fieldwork equipped me with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in social work. The program also provided valuable opportunities for overseas placements, broadening my understanding of social work in diverse contexts. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the HKU teaching and administrative staff, and fieldwork supervisors for their invaluable support throughout my academic journey."

Ewan Wu | MSW Full-time Graduate



JEAN ROBERTSON MEMORIAL BOOK PRIZE

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The book prize is awarded to honour those students who have achieved the best overall performance and shown the most promise as potential social workers.

MADAM LO NG KIU YING ANITA MEMORIAL PRIZE

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This prize was established to honour those students with outstanding performances in their placements.

TUITION FEE

2-Year Full-time

HK\$184,800 per annum

3-Year Part-time

HK\$123,200 per annum

Deadline of Application

Main round — November 3, 2025 (12 noon)

Second round — February 23, 2026 (12 noon)

Information Session (ZOOM)



Date: 4 October 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 09:30am-11:00am

Registration: https://hkuems1.hku.hk/hkuems/c_detail.aspx?guest=Y&ueid=103069

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MSW graduates are eligible for professional registration under the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board.

Registered Social Workers (RSW) in Hong Kong. Registration facilitates employment in government departments and NGOs as family, medical, youth, and school social workers.

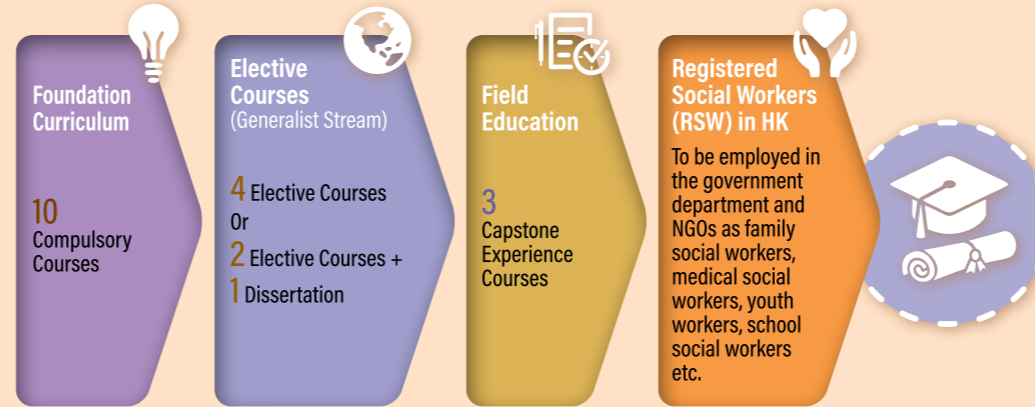
Why get an MSW at HKU?

HKU is a leading university in social work education in the region that offers

- A global vision through overseas field education, study tours and a diverse teacher-student community
- A competent teaching team with renowned international and local faculty members in social work research, education and clinical practice
- Numerous opportunities for professional training and experiential learning through more than 350 local and international field placement options
- In recent years, we have sent students to Australia, Canada, Mainland China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, the U.K., and the U.S.A. for their field placements. We truly offer our students to have more exposure on international social work
- A global network of graduates who are making contributions in non-profit, government, corporate, and academic arenas

Curriculum Structure

Students are required to complete 10 compulsory courses, 2 elective courses, 2 additional elective courses or a dissertation, 100 hours of pre-placement workshop, and 900 hours of field placement.



Compulsory Courses

- Social policy and administration
- Social work research
- Human behaviour and the social environment I
- Human behaviour and the social environment II
- The Law, ethics and social work
- Social services management
- Social science theories for social work
- Theory and practice of social work - Casework
- Theory and practice of social work - Group work
- Theory and practice of social work - Community Development

Elective Courses (Generalist Stream)

- 4 Elective Courses
- Or
- 2 Elective courses + 1 Dissertation

Field Placement (Capstone experience courses)

- 100 hours of pre-placement workshop
- 450 hours of foundation fieldwork placement
- 450 hours of advanced fieldwork placement

MSW Full-time Curriculum Structure 2026-27

Year 1			Year 2	
First Semester	Second Semester	Summer Semester	First Semester	Second Semester
Pre-placement workshop		Field placement I	Field placement II	
Social work research	Social policy and administration		Social services management	The law, ethics and social work
Human behaviour and the social environment I	Human behaviour and the social environment II		- Generalist Stream - 4 Elective Courses OR 2 Elective Courses + 1 Dissertation	
Theory and practice of social work - Casework	Theory and practice of social work - Groupwork			
Theory and practice of social work - Community Development	Social science theories for social work			

MSW Part-time Curriculum Structure 2026-27

Year 1			Year 2			Year 3
First Semester	Second Semester	Summer Semester	First Semester	Second Semester	Summer Semester	Full Year
Pre-placement workshop		Social policy and administration	Field placement I		Social services management	Field placement II
Human behaviour and the social environment I	Theory and practice of social work - Groupwork	Human behaviour and the social environment II	Social work research		The law, ethics and social work	
Theory and practice of social work - Casework	Theory and practice of social work - Community Development	Social science theories for social work	- Generalist Stream - 4 Elective Courses OR 2 Elective Courses + 1 Dissertation			

*Remarks: Curriculum structure is subject to adjustments.